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THE

MINISTRATION

OF

PUBLIC

BAPTISM OF INFANTS,

TO BE USED IN THE CHURCH.

¶ The People are to be admonished, that it is most convenient that Baptism should not be administered but upon Sundays and other Holy-days, or Prayer-days. Nevertheless (if necessity so require) Baptism may be administered upon any other day.

¶ There shall be for every Male Child to be baptized, when they can be had, two God-fathers and one God-mother; and for every female, one God-father and two God-mothers; and Parents shall be admitted as Sponsors, if it be desired.

¶ When there are Children to be baptized, the Parents or Sponsors shall give knowledge thereof, before the beginning of Morning Prayer, to the Minister. And then the God-fathers and God-mothers, and the People with the Children, must be ready at the Font, either immediately after the last Lesson at Morning Prayer, or else immediately after the last Lesson at Evening Prayer, as the Minister, by his discretion, shall appoint. And the Minister coming to the Font (which is then to be filled with pure Water) and standing there, shall say,

Hath this Child been already baptized or no?

¶ If they answer, *No*; then shall the Minister proceed as followeth.

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin; and our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy, he will grant to this

Child that which by nature *he* cannot have; that *he* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made *a* living *member* of the same.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy great mercy, didst save Noah and his family in the Ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel, thy people, through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, didst sanctify water, to the mystical washing away of sin; we beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon *this Child;* wash *him*, and sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost; that *he*, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlasting life; there to reign with thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Or this.

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; we call upon thee for *this Infant*, that *he*, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *this Infant* may enjoy the everlasting benedic-

tion of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall say as follows: or else shall pass on to the questions addressed to the Sponsors; and from thence to the Prayer immediately before the Immersion, or the pouring of Water on the Infant. But note; that, in every Church, the intermediate parts of the Service shall be used, once at least in every month (if there be a Baptism) for the better instructing of the people in the Grounds of Infant Baptism.

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Mark, in the tenth chapter, at the thirteenth verse.

THEY brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

¶ After the Gospel is read, the Minister shall make this brief Exhortation upon the words of the Gospel:

BELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those who would have kept them from him; how he exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how, by his outward gesture and deed, he declared his good will towards them: For he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he will likewise favourably receive *this* present *Infant;* that he will embrace *him* with the arms of his mercy; that he will give unto *him* the blessing of eternal life, and make *him Partaker* of his everlasting kingdom. Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the good will of

heavenly Father towards *this Infant*, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; and nothing doubting, but that he favourably alloweth this charitable work of ours, in bringing *this Infant* to this holy Baptism; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say,

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *this Infant;* that *he* may be born again, and be made *an heir* of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister speak unto the God-fathers and God-mothers in this wise:

DEARLY beloved, ye have brought *this Child* here to be baptized; ye have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive *him*, to release *him* from sin, to sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost, to give *him* the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life. Ye have heard also that our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised, in his Gospel, to grant all these things that ye have prayed for; which promise, he for his part will most surely keep and perform. Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, *this Infant* must also faithfully, for *his* part, promise by you that are *his* Sureties (until *he* come of age to take it upon *himself*) that *he* will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God's holy Word, and obediently keep his Commandments.

¶ The Minister shall then demand of the Sponsors as follows: the Questions being considered as addressed to them severally, and the answers to be made accordingly.

I demand therefore,

DOST *thou, in the* name of *this Child*, renounce *the devil and* all his works, the vain pomp and

glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh; so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Ans. I renounce them all; and by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minis. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Ans. I do.

Minis. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Ans. That is my desire.

Minis. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and Commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Ans. I will, by God's help.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

O MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in *this Child* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation; sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin; and

grant that *this Child*, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall take the Child into his hands, and shall say to the God-fathers and God-mothers,

Name this Child.

¶ And then, naming it after them, he shall dip it in the Water discreetly, or shall pour Water upon it, saying,

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

WE receive *this Child* into the Congregation of Christ's Flock, and do *sign him with the sign of the Cross; in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. Amen.

* *Here the Minister shall make a Cross upon the Child's forehead.*

¶ If those who present the Infant shall desire the sign of the Cross to be omitted, although the Church knows no worthy cause of scruple concerning the same, yet, in that case, the Minister may omit that part of the above which follows the Immersion, or the pouring of Water on the Infant.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

SEEING now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this Child* is regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church; let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits, and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *this Child* may lead the rest of *his* life according to this beginning.

¶ Then shall be said, all kneeling,

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will *be done on Earth,* as it is Heaven; Give us this day *our daily bread; And* forgive us our trespasses, as we

forgive those who trespass against us; And lead not into temptation; But deliver us from ev Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

WE yield thee hearty thanks, most mercif Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenera *this Infant* with thy holy Spirit, to receive *him* 1 thine own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate *h* into thy holy Church. And humbly we besee thee to grant, that *he*, being dead unto sin, and li ing unto righteousness, and being buried with Chr in his death, may crucify the old man, and utter abolish the whole body of sin; and that as *he* made *Partaker* of the Death of thy Son, *he* may al be *Partaker* of his Resurrection; so that finally, wi the residue of thy holy Church, *he* may be *an Inhe itor* of thine everlasting Kingdom, through Chr our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then, all standing up, the Minister shall say to the God-fathers a God-mothers this Exhortation following:

FORASMUCH as *this Child hath* promised 1 you *his* Sureties, to renounce the devil and a his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; must remember, that it is your parts and duties see that *this Infant* be taught, so soon as *he* shall 1 able to learn, what a solemn vow, promise, and pr fession *he hath* here made by you. And that *he* m know these things the better, ye shall call upon *h* to hear Sermons; and chiefly ye shall provide, th *he* may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and t Ten Commandments, and all other things which Christian ought to know and believe to his soul health; and that *this Child* may be virtuously broug up to lead a godly and a Christian life: rememberi always, that Baptism doth represent unto us our pr fession; which is, to follow the example of our S viour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who

baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceding in all virtue and godliness of living.

¶ Then shall he add, and say,

YE are to take care that *this Child* be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as *he* can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and *is* sufficiently instructed in the other parts of the Church Catechism set forth for that purpose.

THE MINISTRATION

OF

PRIVATE

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

IN HOUSES.

¶ The Minister of every Parish shall often admonish the People, that they defer not the Baptism of their Children longer than the first or second Sunday next after their birth, or other Holy-day falling between, unless upon a great and reasonable cause.

¶ And also they shall warn them, that, without like great cause and necessity they procure not their Children to be baptized at home in their houses. But when need shall compel them so to do, then Baptism shall be administered as followeth.

¶ First, let the Minister of the Parish (or, in his absence, any other lawful Minister that can be procured) with those who are present, call upon God, and say the Lord's Prayer, and so many of the Collects appointed to be said before in the Form of Public Baptism, as the time and present exigence will suffer. And then, the Child being named by some one who is present, the Minister shall pour water upon it, saying these words:

NI baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall give thanks unto God, and say,

WE yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate *this Infant* with thy holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that *he*, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that as *he is* made *Partaker* of the Death of thy Son, he may also

be *Partaker* of his Resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy Holy Church, *he* may be *an Inheritor* of thine everlasting Kingdom, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ And let them not doubt, but that the Child so baptized is lawfully and sufficiently baptized, and ought not to be baptized again. Yet nevertheless, if the Child which is after this sort baptized, do afterwards live, it is expedient that it be brought into the Church, to the intent that if the Minister of the same parish did himself baptize that Child, the Congregation may be certified of the true form of Baptism, by him privately before used.*

* The remaining part of this office which relates to the public acknowledgment in the church of the private baptism of infants, is of course here omitted.

Editor.

THE MINISTRATION

OF

BAPTISM

TO SUCH AS ARE OF RIPER YEARS,

AND ABLE TO ANSWER FOR THEMSELVES.

¶ When any such Persons as are of Riper Years are to be baptized, timely notice shall be given to the Minister; that so due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion; and that they may be exhorted to prepare themselves, with prayers and fasting, for the receiving of this Holy Sacrament.

¶ And if they shall be found fit, then the God-fathers and God-mothers, (the People being assembled upon the Sunday, Holy Day, or Prayer Day appointed) shall be ready to present them at the Font, immediately after the Second Lesson, either at Morning or Evening Prayer, as the Minister, in his discretion, shall think fit.

¶ And standing there, the Minister shall ask, Whether any of the Persons here presented be baptized or no? If they shall answer, *No;* then shall the Minister say thus:

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, (and that which is born of the flesh is flesh) and they who are in the flesh cannot please God, but live in sin, committing many actual transgressions; and our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous goodness he will grant to *these Persons* that which by nature *they* cannot have; that *they* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made *lively members* of the same.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy great mercy, didst save Noah and his family in the Ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel, thy people, through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, didst sanctify the element of water, to the mystical washing away of sin; we beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon *these* thy *Servants;* wash *them* and sanctify *them* with the Holy Ghost; that *they,* being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *they* may come to the land of everlasting life; there to reign with thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Or this.

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; we call upon thee for *these Persons,* that *they,* coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of *their* sins, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *them,* O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *these Persons* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint *John, in the third* chapter, beginning at the first verse;

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a Teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of Water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit, is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof; but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

¶ After which he shall say this Exhortation following:

BELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the express words of our Saviour Christ, that, except a man be born of Water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Whereby ye may perceive the great necessity of this Sacrament, where it may be had. Likewise, immediately before his ascension into heaven, (as we read in the last chapter of Saint Mark's Gospel,) he gave command to his disciples, saying, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned: Which also showeth unto us the great benefit we reap thereby. For which cause Saint Peter the Apostle, when upon his first preaching of the Gospel many were pricked at the heart, and said to him and the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? replied, and

said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost: For the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words exhorted he them, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. For, as the same Apostle testifieth in another place, even Baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he will favourably receive *these* present *Persons*, truly repenting, and coming unto him by faith; that he will grant *them* remission of *their* sins, and bestow upon *them* the Holy Ghost; that he will give *them* the blessing of eternal life, and make *them Partakers* of his everlasting kingdom.

Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the goodwill of our heavenly Father toward *these Persons*, declared by his Son Jesus Christ, let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks to him, and say,

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *these Persons*, that *they* may be born again, and be made *Heirs* of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall speak to the Persons to be baptized on this wise:

WELL-BELOVED, who are come hither desiring to receive holy Baptism, *ye* have heard how the Congregation hath prayed, that our Lord Jesus *Christ would* vouchsafe to receive you and bless you, *release you of* your sins, to give you the kingdom

of heaven and everlasting life. *Ye* have heard also that our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised in his holy Word, to grant all those things that we have prayed for; which promise he, for his part, will most surely keep and perform. Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, *ye* must also faithfully, for your part, in the presence of these your Witnesses, and this whole Congregation, promise and answer to the following Questions:

¶ The Minister shall then demand of the Persons to be baptized as follows; the Questions being considered as addressed to them severally, and the Answers to be made accordingly.

Question.

DOST thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh; so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Ans. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Quest. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Ans. I do.

Quest. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Ans. That is my desire.

Quest. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments; and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Ans. I will, by God's help.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

O Merciful God, grant that the old Adam in *these Persons* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *them*. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *them*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*. *Amen.*

Grant that *they* may have power and strength to

have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that *they*, being here dedicated to thee by our Office and Ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy Congregation; sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that the *Persons*, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister take each Person to be baptized by the Right Hand; and placing him conveniently by the Font, according to his discretion, shall ask the God-fathers and God-mothers the name; and then shall dip him in the Water, or pour Water upon him, saying,

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

WE receive *this Person* into the Congregation of Christ's Flock, and do *sign *him* with the sign of the cross; in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. Amen.

* *Here the Minister shall make a Cross upon the person's forehead.*

¶ The same Rule, as to the Omission of the sign of the Cross, is to be observed here, as in the Baptism of Infants.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

SEEING now, dearly beloved brethren, that *these Persons are* regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church; let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits, and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *they* may lead the rest of *their* life according to this beginning.

¶ Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, all kneeling.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

WE yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *these Persons;* that being now born again, and made *Heirs* of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, *they* may continue thy *Servants*, and attain thy promises, through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, everlastingly. *Amen.*

¶ Then, all standing up, the Minister shall use this Exhortation following; speaking to the God-fathers and God-mothers first.

FORASMUCH as *these Persons have* promised, in your presence, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your part and duty to put *them* in mind, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession *they have* now made before this Congregation, and especially before you *their* chosen Witnesses. And ye are also to call upon them to use all dili-

gence to be rightly instructed in God's holy Word; that so *they* may grow in grace, and in the know ledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and live godly, right eously, and soberly, in this present world.

¶ And then speaking to the baptized Persons, he shall proceed and say,

AND as for you, who have now by Baptism put on Christ, it is your part and duty also, being made the *Children* of God and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becometh the children of light; remembering always, that Baptism representeth unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in al. virtue and godliness of living.

¶ It is expedient that every Person thus baptized should be confirmed by the Bishop, so soon after his Baptism as conveniently may be; that so he may be admitted to the Holy Communion.

¶ Whereas necessity may require the baptizing of Adults in private houses, in consideration of extreme sickness; the same is hereby allowed in that case. And a convenient number of persons shall be assembled in the house where the Sacrament is to be performed. And in the Exhortation, *Well-beloved*, &c. instead of these words, *come hither desiring*, shall be inserted this word, *desirous*.

¶ If there be occasion for the office of Infant Baptism and that of Adults at the same time, the Minister shall use the Exhortation and one of the Prayers next following in the Office for Adults; only, in the Exhortation and prayer, after the words, *these Persons*, and *these thy Servants*, adding, *and these Infants*. Then the Minister shall proceed to the questions to be demanded in the cases respectively. After the immersion, or the pouring of water, the prayer shall be as in this service; only, after the words, *these Persons*, shall be added, *and these Infants*. After which the remaining part of each service shall be used; first that for Adults, and lastly that for Infants.

¶ If any persons, not baptized in their infancy, shall be brought to be baptized before they come to years of discretion to answer for themselves, it may suffice to use the Office for Public Baptism of Infants; *or, in case* of extreme danger, the Office for Private Baptism; only *changing the word Infant*, for *Child*, or *Person*, as occasion requireth.

THE

FORM OF SOLEMNIZATION

OF

MATRIMONY.

¶ The laws respecting Matrimony, whether by publishing the Banns in Churches, or by License, being different in the several States; every Minister is left to the direction of those Laws, in every thing that regards the civil contract between the Parties.

¶ And when the Banns are published, it shall be in the following form: — *I publish the Banns of Marriage between M. of ——, and N. of —— If any of you know cause or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it.* [This is the first, second, or third time of asking.]

¶ At the day and time appointed for Solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, or shall be ready in some proper house, with their friends and neighbours; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say,

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this Company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate, these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

¶ And also speaking unto the Persons who are to be married, he shall say,

I REQUIRE and charge you both (as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the

secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed) that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it: For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

¶ The Minister, if he shall have reason to doubt of the lawfulness of the proposed Marriage, may demand sufficient surety for his indemnification; but if no impediment shall be alleged, or suspected, the Minister shall say to the Man,

M. WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded Wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ The Man shall answer,

I will.

¶ Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,

N. WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded Husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honour, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ The Woman shall answer,

I will.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

¶ Then shall they give their Troth to each other in this Manner:

¶ The Minister receiving the Woman at her Father's or Friend's Hands, shall cause the Man with his Right Hand to take the Woman by her Right Hand, and to say after him as followeth:

I *M. take thee N.* to my wedded Wife, to have and *to hold, from this* day forward, for better for worse,

for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my Troth.

¶ Then shall they loose their Hands, and the Woman with her Right Hand taking the Man by his Right Hand, shall likewise say after the Minister,

I *N.* take thee *M.* to my wedded Husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my Troth.

¶ Then shall they again loose their Hands; and the Man shall give unto the Woman a Ring. And the Minster taking the Ring shall deliver it unto the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's Left Hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, and taught by the Minister, shall say,

WITH this Ring I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Man leaving the Ring upon the fourth Finger of the Woman's Left Hand, the Minister shall say,

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy Name; that as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform

and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister join their Right Hands together, and say,

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

¶ Then shall the Minister speak unto the Company:

FORASMUCH as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in holy Wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their Troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a Ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce, that they are Man and Wife; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ And the Minister shall add this Blessing:

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you: The Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR THE

VISITATION OF THE SICK.

¶ When any Person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish; who, coming into the sick Person's House, shall say,

PEACE be to this House, and to all that dwell in it.

¶ When he cometh into the sick Man's presence, he shall say, kneeling down,

REMEMBER not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers; Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood; and be not angry with us for ever.

Ans. Spare us, good Lord.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minis. O Lord, save thy servant;
Ans. Who putteth his trust in thee.

Minis. Send *him* help from thy holy place;
Ans. And evermore mightily defend *him.*
Minis. Let the enemy have no advantage of *him;*
Ans. Nor the wicked approach to hurt *him.*
Minis. Be unto *him,* O Lord, a strong tower,
Ans. From the face of *his* enemy.
Minis. O Lord, hear our prayer;
Ans. And let our cry come unto thee.

Minister.

O LORD, look down from Heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; give *him* comfort and sure confidence in thee; defend *him* from the danger of the enemy; and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HEAR us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour: Extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant, who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him;* that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance: That if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory; or else give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister exhort the sick Person after this Form, or other like:

DEARLY beloved, know this, that Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them pertaining; as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness be, know you certainly that it is God's visitation. And for what cause soever this sickness be sent unto you; whether it be to try your patience or the example of others, and that your faith may

be found, in the day of the Lord, laudable, glorious, and honourable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity; or else it be sent unto you to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father; know you certainly, that if you truly repent you of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy, for his dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, and render unto him humble thanks for his fatherly visitation, submitting yourself wholly unto his will, it shall turn to your profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

¶ If the Person visited be very sick, then the Minister may end his Exhortation in this Place, or else proceed:

TAKE therefore in good part the chastisement of the Lord: For, as Saint Paul saith, in the twelfth chapter to the Hebrews, Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: For what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; Shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. These words, good *brother*, are written in holy Scripture, for our comfort and instruction; that we should patiently, and with thanksgiving, bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever, by any manner of adversity, it shall please his gracious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For he *himself* went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain

he entered not into his glory, before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy, is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life, is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life. Now, therefore, taking your sickness, which is thus profitable for you, patiently, I exhort you in the name of God, to remember the profession which you made unto God in your Baptism. And forasmuch as after this life there is an account to be given unto the righteous Judge, by whom all must be judged, without respect of persons; I require you to examine yourself, and your estate, both toward God and man; so that, accusing and condemning yourself for your own faults, you may find mercy at our heavenly Father's hand for Christ's sake, and not be accused and condemned in that fearful judgment. Therefore I shall rehearse to you the Articles of our Faith; that you may know whether you do believe as a Christian *man* should, or no.

¶ Here the Minister shall rehearse the Articles of the Faith, saying thus:

DOST thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth?

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; that he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; that he went down into hell, and also did rise again the third day; that he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence shall come again at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Remission of sins; The Resurrection of the *flesh; and everlasting* life after death?

¶ The sick Person shall answer,

All this I steadfastly believe.

¶ Then shall the Miniser examine, whether he repent him truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world; exhorting him to forgive, from the bottom of his heart, all persons that have offended him; and if he hath offended any other, to ask them forgiveness; and where he hath done injury or wrong to any man, that he make amends to the uttermost of his power. And if he hath not before disposed of his goods, let him then be admonished to make his Will, and to declare his debts, what he oweth, and what is owing unto him, for the better discharging of his conscience, and the quietness of his Executors. But men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates, whilst they are in health.

¶ The Exhortation before rehearsed may be said before the Minister begin his Prayer, as he shall see cause.

¶ The Minister shall not omit earnestly to move such sick persons as are of ability, to be liberal to the poor.

¶ And then the Minister shall say the Collect following.

Let us pray.

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou remember-est them no more; open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with thy blessed Spirit; and when thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say this Psalm:

Psalm 130. *De Profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss; O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord, before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

¶ Adding this:

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel, that there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ Here the Minister may use any part of the service of this Book, which, in his discretion, he shall think convenient to the occasion; and after that shall say,

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ Prayers which may be said with the foregoing service, or any part thereof, at the discretion of the Minister.

¶ A Prayer for a sick Child.

O ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this Child, now lying upon the bed of sickness: Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for thy mercies' sake; that if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation: or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity: Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer for a sick Person, when there appeareth but small hope of recovery.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under thy hand in great weakness of body: Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit, in the inner man: Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus, that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in Heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant him [illegible]

continuance amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, *his* soul may be received into thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ A Commendatory Prayer for a sick Person at the point of departure

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; we humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight: Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us who survive, in this, and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer for Persons troubled in Mind or in Conscience.

O BLESSED Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts, we beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this thy *afflicted servant.* Thou writest bitter things against *him, and makest him* to possess his former iniquities:

Thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble: But, O merciful God, who hast written thy holy Word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of thy threats and promises; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* distempers: Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax: Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice: Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*; and give *him* peace, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer which may be said by the Minister, in behalf of all present at the Visitation.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world: All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer which may be said in case of sudden surprise and immediate danger.

O MOST gracious Father, we fly unto thee for mercy in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under the sudden visitation of thine hand. If it be

thy will, preserve *his* life, that there may be place for repentance: But, if thou hast otherwise appointed, let thy mercy supply to *him* the want of the usual opportunity for the trimming of *his* lamp. Stir up in *him* such sorrow for sin, and such fervent love to thee, as may in a short time do the work of many days: That among the praises which thy Saints and holy Angels shall sing to the honour of thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to thy unspeakable glory, that thou hast redeemed the soul of this thy servant from eternal death, and made *him* partaker of the everlasting life, which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ A Thanksgiving for the beginning of a recovery.

GREAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave and bringest up again; we bless thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother* to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be thy name, that thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to thy will; and, at last, didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy towards *him;* and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure: That being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless thy holy name for all thy goodness towards *him*, through Jesus Christ our Saviour: To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON WHO INTENDS TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, from whose Spirit every good motion of our heart proceed*eth! increase,* we beseech thee, the good seed of thy *grace, which thou* hast sown in the soul of thy ser-

vant. Prepare *him* humbly to receive that sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord, in which thou art more immediately present, illuminating the faithful, and comforting and *refreshing* all that are *weary and heavy laden with their sins.*

Help *him*, we beseech thee, O Lord, to fit and prepare *himself* for the due reception of these holy mysteries. Fill *his* soul with all reverence and godly fear; with earnest desires and longings after the divine life; with serious repentance for all *his* past sins; with holy resolutions of living for ever after unto Jesus, who died for *him.* O let *him* receive *his* Saviour with *that broken and contrite heart, which* thou hast promised *not to despise.*

Raise *his* affections *from earth to heaven, let him hunger and thirst after righteousness.*

As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so let *his heart* now *pant after thee, O God.* With humble and holy desires may *he eat this passover*, and be filled with all spiritual joys and consolations from henceforth for evermore. *Amen.*

This may be added by the Priest who intends to give the Holy Eucharist to *him.*

AND to me, O Lord, whom thou hast called to this high honour of administering thy holy sacrament, give thy grace and heavenly benediction, that *I may do all things as I ought through Christ strengthening me.*

Magnify thy power, O Lord, in my weakness. And thou that givest the increase, command a blessing, I pray thee, to descend upon the work of my ministry; that this sacrament, to be administered to thy servant, now crying mightily to thee for help, may turn to *his* everlasting benefit, as well as to the salvation of myself, and of all that shall charitably receive with *him.* Grant this, O blessed Lord, for the sake of that Jesus, whom we are about to commemorate in this holy ordinance. *Amen.*

THE

COMMUNION OF THE SICK.

¶ Forasmuch as all mortal men are subject to many sudden perils, diseases, and sicknesses, and ever uncertain what time they shall depart out of this life; therefore, to the intent that they may be always in readiness to die, whensoever it shall please Almighty God to call them, the Ministers shall diligently from time to time (but especially in the time of pestilence, or other infectious sickness) exhort their Parishioners to the often receiving of the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, when it shall be publickly administered in the Church; that so doing, they may, in case of sudden visitation, have the less cause to be disquieted for lack of the same. But if the sick Person be not able to come to the Church, and yet is desirous to receive the Communion in his house; then he must give timely notice to the Minister, signifying also how many there are to communicate with him (which shall be two at the least;) and all things necessary being prepared, the Minister shall there celebrate the Holy Communion, beginning with the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, here following:

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY everliving God, Maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive; we beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant visited with thine hand; and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health, if it be thy gracious will; and that whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Heb. xii. 5.

MY son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him. *For whom the Lord* loveth, he chasteneth; and *scourgeth every son* whom he receiveth.

The Gospel. St. John v. 24.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

¶ After which the Minister shall proceed according to the Form before prescribed for the Holy Communion, beginning at these words, *Ye who do truly*, &c.

¶ At the time of the distribution of the Holy Sacrament, the Minister shall first receive the Communion himself, and after minister unto those who are appointed to communicate with the sick, and last of all to the sick Person.

¶ But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Minister, or for lack of company to receive with him, or by any other just impediment, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Minister shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefore, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.

¶ When the sick Person is visited and receiveth the Holy Communion all at one time, then the Minister, for more expedition, shall cut off the Form of the Visitation at the Psalm, and go straight to the Communion.

¶ In the times of contagious sickness or disease, when none of the Parish or Neighbours can be gotten to communicate with the sick in their houses, for fear of the infection; upon special request of the diseased, the Minister alone may communicate with him.

¶ Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the holy Communion:

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

¶ Then shall this general Confession be made by the Priest and all those who are minded to receive the holy Communion, humbly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty; provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burthen of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant, that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Priest (the Bishop, if he be present) stand up, and turning to the People, say,

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Priest say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him *should not perish,* but have everlasting life. *St. John iii. 16.*

Hear also what *St. Paul* saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

Hear also what *St. John* saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 *John* ii. 1, 2.

¶ After which the Priest shall proceed, saying,

Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

¶ Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say,

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, [* *Holy Father*,] Almighty, everlasting God.

¶ Here shall follow the proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately shall be said or sung by the Priest and People,

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. *Amen.*

¶ PROPER PREFACES.

¶ Upon Christmas Day, and seven Days after.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary his Mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin: Therefore with Angels, &c.

* These words, [Holy Father,] must be omitted on Trinity Sunday.

¶ Upon Easter Day, and seven Days after.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: For he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life: Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

¶ Upon Ascension Day, and seven Days after.

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who, after his most glorious resurrection, manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory: Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

¶ Upon Whitsunday, and six Days after.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven, with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal, constantly to preach the gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error, into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ: Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

¶ Upon the Feast of Trinity only, may be said,

WHO art one God, one Lord; not one only person, but three persons in one substance: For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the *same* we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, *without any difference* or inequality: Therefore with *Angels, &c.*

¶ Or else this may be said, the words [*Holy Father*] being retained in the introductory Address.

FOR the precious death and merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the sending to us of the Holy Ghost the Comforter; who are one with thee in thy eternal Godhead: Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

¶ Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, say, in the name of all those who shall receive the Communion, this Prayer following:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

¶ When the Priest, standing before the Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the People, and take the Cup into his hands; he shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth:

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, (by his one oblation of himself once offered,) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice until his coming again: for in the night in which he was betrayed, (*a*) he took bread; and when he had given thanks, (*b*) he brake it, and gave it,

(a) *Here the Priest is to take the Paten into his hands.*

(b) *And here to break the bread.*

his disciples, saying, Take, eat, (c) this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, (d) he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this, for (e) this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins: Do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

(c) *And here to lay his hand upon all the Bread.*

(d) *Here he is to take the Cup into his hand.*

(e) *And here he is to lay his hand upon every Vessel in which there is any Wine to be consecrated.*

The Oblation. WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks, for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy Almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his Death and Passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, *and all other benefits* of his passion. And here we *offer and present* unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our

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souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in them. and they in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Here shall be sung a Hymn, or Part of a Hymn, from the Selection for the Feasts and Fasts, &c.

¶ Then shall the Priest first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, in like manner, (if any be present,) and, after that, to the People also in order, into their hands, all devoutly kneeling: And when he delivereth the Bread, he shall say,

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

¶ And the Minister who delivereth the Cup, shall say,

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

¶ If the consecrated Bread and Wine be spent before all have communicated, the Priest is to consecrate more, according to the form before prescribed; beginning at—*All glory be to thee, Almighty God*—and ending with these words—*Partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.*

¶ When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and reverently place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated Elements, covering the same with a fair Linen Cloth.

¶ Then shall the Minister say the Lord's Prayer, the People repeating after him every petition.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ After which shall be said as followeth

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall be said or sung, all standing, *Gloria in Excelsis*, or some proper Hymn from the Selection.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ; O *Lord God, Lamb of* God, Son of the Father, who

takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us: Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us: Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer: Thou who sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the Glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Priest (the Bishop, if he be present,) shall let them depart with this blessing:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ Collects that may be said after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer, or Communion, at the discretion of the Minister.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers; and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living; to the honour and praise of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy

name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's name; we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained; to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Upon the Sundays and other Holy-Days (if there be no Sermon or Communion) shall be said all that is appointed at the Communion, unto the end of the Gospel, concluding with the Blessing. And if any of the consecrated Bread and Wine remain after the Communion, it shall not be carried out of the Church; but the Minister and other Communicants shall, immediately after the Blessing, reverently eat and drink the same.

THE ORDER

FOR THE

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ Here is to be noted, that the office ensuing is not to be used for any unbaptized Adults, any who die excommunicate, or who have laid violent hands upon themselves.

¶ The Minister, meeting the Corpse at the entrance of the Churchyard, and going before it either into the Church, or towards the Grave, shall say, or sing,

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. *St. John* xi. 25, 26.

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job* xix. 25, 26, 27.

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. 1 *Tim.* vi. 7. *Job* i. 21.

¶ After they are come into the Church, shall be said or sung the following Anthem, taken from the 39th and 90th Psalms.

LORD, let me know my end, and the mumber of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long; and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether *vanity.*

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences; and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord; and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner; as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength; before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest, Come again ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday; seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as a sleep; and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure; and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone; We bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that *is told.*

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; *though men be so* strong that they come to four-

score years, yet is their strenth then but labor and sorrow; so soon it passeth away and we are gone.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

LESSON.—1 COR. XV. 20.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority, and power. For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death: for he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. Else what shall they do which are baptised for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptised for the dead? And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me if the dead rise not? Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not: for

some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain; it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him; and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, *but we* shall all be changed, in a moment, in the *twinkling of an eye*, at the last trump: for the *trumpet shall sound*, and the dead shall be raised

incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

¶ When they come to the Grave, while the Corpse is made ready to be laid into the Earth, shall be sung or said,

MAN, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: Of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased.

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord the secrets of our hearts: shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee.

¶ Then, while the Earth shall be cast upon the Body by some standing by, the Minister shall say,

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise Providence, to take out of this world the Soul of our deceased Brother, we therefore commit *his* Body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to

ashes, dust to dust: looking for the general resurrection in the last Day, and the Life of the World to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious Majesty to judge the World, the Earth and the Sea shall give up their Dead; and the corruptible Bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious Body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

¶ Then shall be said, or sung,

I HEARD a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours. *Rev.* xiv. 13.

¶ Then the Minister shall say the Lord's Prayer

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall say one or both of the following Prayers, at his discretion.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord; and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O *MERCIFUL* God, the Father of our Lord Jesus *Christ, who is the* resurrection and the life; in

whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle St. Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; we humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

AN

OFFICE OF DEVOTION,

THAT MAY BE USED WITH THE

FRIENDS AND RELATIONS OF THE DECEASED.*

(Principally from the Liturgy.)

JUST and true are thy ways thou King of saints: Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of thy seat.

Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth to him good.

We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Sorrow not brethren for them that are asleep, even as others who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we shall also appear with him in glory.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words:

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

[Here may be sung a Psalm or Hymn suitable to the occasion.]

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

* This office may also perhaps be used by the Minister where custom requires (as in some places,) that some devotional exercise be performed at the house before the funeral moves to the grave. In this case also, it may be proper to use before this office, the Psalm and Lesson of the Funeral Service, appointed to be used when the body is carried into the church. Editor.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life. In these daily instances of mortality, may we see how frail and uncertain our own condition is. Teach us so to number our days, that we apply ourselves unto wisdom; that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely be there fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most just art thou, O God, in all thy dealings with us, and our punishment is less than our sins deserve. We adore thy majesty, we revere thy justice, we magnify thy mercies. Sanctify to this family the afflictive dispensation of thy Providence. May the lively sense of the bereavement which they have sustained, lead them to cleave more closely to thee their God. In all their troubles may their whole trust and confidence be placed in thy mercy. Awakened by this visitation of thy Providence to a deep sense of the uncertainty and vanity of human life, may they resolve to seek supremely those things which are above; to resign themselves and all their concerns to thy disposal; and in the fulness of resignation to say with the holy Job—"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

To be used for a Husband losing his Wife.

Look with pity, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, upon the sorrows of thy servant for whom our prayers are especially offered. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit him with trouble and to bring distress upon him. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy Fatherly correction to him; endue his soul with patience under his affliction and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon him and give him peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To be used for a Wife losing her Husband. Regard, O Lord, with an eye of compassion, this thy servant, bereaved of her earthly partner and friend. Mercifully grant that, in the depth of her sorrows, the light of thy countenance may be her comfort, the gifts of thy grace and the promises of thy blessed word her refuge and strength. So sanctify to her this thy Fatherly chastisement, that her present loss may conduce to her eternal gain; and that, meekly submitting to the wisdom of thy dispensation, she may realize the fulness of thy promise to be the widow's God, now and for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To be used for Children deprived of one or both Parents. Defend, O Lord, we beseech thee, these bereaved children with thy heavenly grace, that they may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to thine everlasting Kingdom. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end, they may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To be used for Parents bereaved of Children. Almighty and merciful God, we humbly supplicate thy Fatherly compassion in behalf of these Parents, whom in thine unsearchable wisdom thou hast bereaved of their Child [or Children]. Look upon them, O Lord, in mercy. Sanctify this affliction to their good. Deepen within them a sense of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let thy Holy Spirit lead them through this vale of misery in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives. Increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep them in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the instance of mortality before us, thou dost solemnly teach us that, *death is the end of all men.* Grant us who are *living*, grace *to lay it to heart;* so to lay it to heart, as to live above the world, to seek thy favour, to study thy *will, to* observe thy laws, and in all our actions to aim at *thy glory, at the* salvation of our own souls, and the souls

of our fellow-men. When we *go the way of all the earth*, may thy presence go with us, to sustain and comfort us, to lead us to a rest eternal in the heavens.

Spare us, good Lord, spare us, O merciful Father, till we have truly repented of our sins, and made our peace with thee, our offended Judge. For thy Son Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us our sins. For his sake turn away thine anger from us; enter not into judgment with us; but after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, and visit us with thy salvation. Quicken us, Almighty God, from the death of sin unto a new and holy life; that being partakers of the death of thy Son, we may also be partakers of his resurrection, of perfect and endless bliss both in body and soul in thy heavenly kingdom. And may the good examples of all those who have departed this life in the true faith of thy holy name, and the hope of their eternal blessedness, excite us to press, with the more earnestness, towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us: The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

A

FORM OF PRAYER

FOR THE

VISITATION OF PRISONERS.

¶ When Morning or Evening Prayer shall be read in any Prison, instead of the Psalm, *O come let us sing*, &c. shall be read the 130th Psalm; and the Minister shall insert, after the Collect for the day, the Collect in the following service, *O God, who sparest*, &c. and at such times as the Litany is not read, he shall add the Prayer, *O God, merciful Father, who despisest not*, &c.

¶ And when notice is given to the Minister, that a Prisoner is confined for some great or capital crime, he shall visit him; and when he cometh into the place where the Prisoner is, he shall say, kneeling down,

REMEMBER not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Ans. Spare us, good Lord.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, *&c.*

Minis. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Ans. And grant us thy salvation.
Minis. Turn thy face from our sins;
Ans. And blot out all our iniquities.
Minis. Send us help from thine holy place;
Ans. For thine indignation lieth hard upon us.
Minis. O Lord, hear our prayer;
Ans. And let the sighing of the Prisoners come before thee.

The Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath rememberest mercy; we humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, to comfort and succour all those who are under reproach and misery in the house of bondage; correct them not in thine anger, neither chasten them in thy sore displeasure. Give them a right understanding of themselves, and of thy threats and promises; that they may neither cast away their confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee. Relieve the distressed, protect the innocent, and awaken the guilty: and forasmuch as thou alone bringest light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that the pains and punishments which these thy servants endure, through their bodily confinement, may tend to setting free their souls from the chains of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Here the Minister, as he shall see convenient, may read the Prayer for *All conditions of Men*, the Collect for *Ash-Wednesday*, and the Collect beginning, *Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom*, &c. or any other Prayer of the Liturgy, which he shall judge proper.

¶ Then shall the Minister exhort the Prisoner or Prisoners after this Form, or other like:—

DEARLY beloved, know this, that Almighty God, whose never-failing providence governeth all things both in heaven and earth, hath so wisely and mercifully ordered the course of this world, that his judgments are often sent as fatherly corrections to us; and if with due submission and resignation to his holy will we receive the same, they will work together for our good.

It is your part and duty, therefore, to humble *yourself* under the mighty hand of God, to acknowledge the righteousness of his judgments, and to endeavour, that, by his grace, this present visitation may lead you to a sincere and hearty repentance.

The way and means thereto is, to examine your life and conversation by the rule of God's commandments; and *whereinsoever you* shall perceive yourself to have offended

either by will, word, or deed, there to bewail your own sinfulness, and to confess *yourself* to Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life. And if *you* shall perceive your offences to be such as are not only against God, but also against your neighbours; then to reconcile *yourself* to them, being ready to make restitution and satisfaction, according to the uttermost of your power, for all injuries and wrongs done by *you* to any other: and being likewise ready to forgive others who have offended *you*, as *you* would have forgiveness of your offences at God's hand. And to this true repentance and change of mind *you* must add a lively and steadfast faith, and dependence upon the merits of the death of Christ, with an entire resignation of *yourself* to the will of God. Except *you* repent, and believe, we can give *you* no hope of salvation. But if *you* do sincerely repent and believe, God hath declared, though your sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; though your wickednesses have gone over your head, yet shall they not be your destruction.

We exhort *you* therefore in the name of God, and of his dear Son Jesus Christ our Saviour, and as *you* tender your own Salvation, to take good heed of these things in time, while the day of salvation lasteth; for the night cometh, when no man can work. While *you* have the light, believe in the light, and walk as children of the light, that *you* be not cast into outer darkness; that *you* may not knock, when the door shall be shut; and cry for mercy, when it is the time of justice. Now *you* are the object of God's mercy, if by repentance and true faith *you* turn unto him: but if *you* neglect these things, *you* will be the object of his justice and vengeance: Now *you* may claim the merits of Christ; but if *you* die in your sins, his sufferings will tend to your greater condemnation. O beloved, consider in this your day, how fearful a thing it will be to fall into the hands of the living God, when *you* can neither fly to his mercy to protect *you*, nor to the merits of Christ to cover *you* in that terrible day.

¶ Here the Minister shall examine him concerning his Faith, and rehearse the Articles of the Creed, *Dost thou believe in God*, &c. *And the Prisoner shall* answer,

All this I steadfastly believe.

¶ Then shall the Minister examine whether he repent him truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world, and further admonish him particularly concerning the crimes wherewith he is charged; and exhort him, if he have any scruples, that he would declare the same, and prepare himself for the Holy Communion, against the time that it may be proper to administer it to him.

¶ Then, all kneeling, the Minister shall say as follows, from the 51st Psalm:

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness; and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults; and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness; and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts; and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins; and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again; and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord; and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled Spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose mercy is everlasting, and power infinite; look down with pity and compassion upon the sufferings of *this* thy *servant;* and whether thou visitest for trial of *his* patience, or punishment of *his* offences, enable *him* by thy grace cheerfully to submit *himself* to thy holy will and pleasure. Go not far from those, O Lord, whom thou hast laid in a place of darkness, and in the deep; and forasmuch as thou hast not cut *him* off suddenly, but chastenest *him* as a father; grant that *he*, duly considering thy great mercies, may be unfeignedly thankful, and turn unto thee with true repentance and sincerity of heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Prayers for Persons under Sentence of Death.

¶ When a Criminal is under Sentence of Death, the Minister shall proceed, immediately after the Collect, *O God, who sparest, &c.* to exhort him after this Form, or other like:

DEARLY beloved, it hath pleased Almighty God, in his justice, to bring you under the sentence and condemnation of the law: You are shortly to suffer death in such a manner, that others, warned by your example, may be the more afraid to offend; and we pray God, that you may make such use of your punishments in this world, that your soul may be saved in the world to come.

Wherefore we come to you in the bowels of compassion; and, being desirous that you should avoid presumption on the one hand, and despair on the other, shall plainly lay before you the wretchedness of your condition, and declare *how far* you ought to depend on the mercies of God, and *the merits of our* Saviour. Consider then seriously with *yourself, in all* appearance the time of your dissolution

draweth near; your sins have laid fast hold upon you; you are soon to be removed from among men by a violent death; and you shall fade away suddenly like the grass, which in the morning is green and groweth up, but in the evening is cut down, dried up, and withered. After you have thus finished the course of a sinful and miserable life, you shall appear before the Judge of all flesh; who, as he pronounces blessings on the righteous, shall likewise say, with a terrible voice of most just judgment, to the wicked, Go, ye accursed, into the fire everlasting, prepared for the devil and his angels.

Your sins have brought you too near this dreadful sentence: it is therefore your part and duty, my brother, humbly to confess and bewail your great and manifold offences, and to repent you truly of your sins, as you tender the eternal salvation of your soul.

Be not deceived with a vain and presumptuous expectation of God's favour, nor say within yourself, Peace, peace, where there is no peace; for there is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. God is not mocked; he is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; and without holiness no man shall see the Lord. On the other hand, despair not of God's mercy, though trouble is on every side; for God shutteth not up his mercies for ever in displeasure: But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Do not either way abuse the goodness of God, who calleth us mercifully to amendment, and of his endless pity promiseth us forgiveness of that which is past, if with a perfect and true heart we return unto him.

Since therefore you are soon to pass into an endless and unchangeable state, and your future happiness or misery depends upon the few moments which are left you; I require you strictly to examine yourself, and your estate both towards God and towards man; and let no worldly consideration hinder you from making a true and full confession of your sins, and giving all the satisfaction which is in your power to every one whom you have wronged or injured; that you may find mercy at your heavenly Father's hand, for Christ's sake, and not be condemned in the dreadful day of judgment.

Lastly, beloved, submit yourself with Christian resignation to the just judgment of God, which your own crimes have brought upon you, and be in charity with all men; being ready sincerely to forgive all such as have offended you, not excepting those who have persecuted you even unto death: And, though this may seem a hard saying, yet know assuredly, that without it your charity is not yet perfect. And fail not earnestly to endeavour and pray for this blessed temper and composure of mind. So may you cast yourself with an entire dependence upon the mercies of God, through the merits of our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ.

¶ Here the Minister shall examine him concerning his Faith, and rehearse the Articles of the Creed, *Dost thou believe in God, &c.* And the Criminal shall answer,

All this I steadfastly believe.

¶ Then shall the Minister examine whether he repent him truly of his sins, exhorting him to a particular Confession of the sin for which he is condemned; and upon Confession, he shall instruct him what satisfaction ought to be made to those whom he has offended thereby; and if he knoweth any combinations in wickedness, or any evil practices designed against others, let him be admonished to the utmost of his power to discover and prevent them.

¶ After this Confession, the Minister shall declare to him the pardoning Mercy of God, in the Form which is used in the Communion Service.

¶ After which shall be said the Collect following.

O HOLY Jesus, who of thine infinite goodness, didst accept the conversion of a sinner on the cross; open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who desireth pardon and forgiveness, though in his latest hour he turneth unto thee. Renew in him whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by his own carnal will and frailness. Consider his contrition; accept his repentance; and forasmuch as he putteth his full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto him his former sins, but strengthen him with thy blessed Spirit; and when thou art pleased to take him hence, take him unto thy favour: This *we beg through* thy merits, O Lord, our Saviour and our *Redeemer. Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort; we fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, who is now under the sentence of condemnation. The day of his calamity is at hand, and he is accounted as one of those who go down into the pit. Blessed Lord, remember thy mercies; look upon his infirmities; hear the voice of his complaint; give him, we beseech thee, patience in this his time of adversity, and support under the terrors which encompass him; set before his eyes the things he hath done in the body, which have justly provoked thee to anger; and forasmuch as his continuance appeareth to be short amongst us, quicken him so much the more by thy grace and Holy Spirit; that he, being converted and reconciled unto thee, before thy judgments have cut him off from the earth, may at the hour of his death depart in peace, and be received into thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Adding this.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

¶ Then the Minister, standing, shall say,

IN the midst of life we are in death: Of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts: Shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

THE Almighty God, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him; to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey; be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given

to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive salvation, but only in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ And after that shall say,

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee: The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore.

¶ At the time of Execution, besides all, or such parts of the foregoing Office as the Minister shall judge proper, shall be said the *Commendatory Prayer for a Person at the point of departure*, as it is in the Visitation of the Sick.

¶ The Collect for the Communion Service.

O GOD, who declarest thy Almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; we beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant, who for his transgressions is appointed to die. Grant that he may take thy judgments patiently, and repent him truly of his sins; that he recovering thy favour, the fearful reward of his actions may end with this life; and whensoever his soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Heb. xii. 11.

NO chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness, unto them which are exercised thereby.

The Gospel. St. John v. 24.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

¶ A Prayer for imprisoned Debtors.

MOST gracious God, look down in pity and compassion upon these thine afflicted servants, who are fallen under the misery of a close restraint. Give them always

a deep sense of their sins, and of thy fatherly love and correction; and the more their confinement presseth hard upon them, the more let the comforts of thy grace and mercy abound towards them. Give to their creditors tenderness and compassion, and to them a meek and forgiving spirit towards all those who have confined them, and a full purpose to repair all the injuries and losses which others have sustained by them. Raise them up friends to pity and relieve them; give them the continued comfort of thy countenance here; and so sanctify their afflictions, that they may work for them an eternal weight of glory, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

FORMS OF PRAYER

TO BE

USED IN FAMILIES

MORNING PRAYER.

¶ The Master or Mistress having called together as many of the Family as can conveniently be present, let one of them; or any other whom they shall think proper, say as follows, all kneeling:

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Acknowledgment of God's mercy and preservation, especially through the night past.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we, thy needy creatures, render thee our humble praises, for thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To thy watchful providence we owe it, *(that no disturbance hath come nigh us or our dwelling; but, that we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day.) For these thy mercies, we bless and magnify thy glorious Name; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for his sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

* *When disturbances of any kind befall a Family, instead of this, say,* that notwithstanding our dangers, we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day.

Dedication of soul and body to God's service, with a resolution to be growing daily in goodness.

AND, since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; we here dedicate *both* our souls and our bodies to thee and

thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: In which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for grace to enable us to perform that resolution.

BUT, O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with; we humbly beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great Day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and, according to the works done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by him whom thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For grace to guide and keep us the following day, and for God's blessing on the business of the same.

IN particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways *(and prosper the works of our hands in the business of our several stations.) Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under thy Fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

* *On Sunday Morning, instead of this, say,* and let thy Holy Spirit accompany us to the place of thy public worship, making us serious and attentive, and raising our minds from the thoughts of this world to the consideration of the next, that we may fervently join in the prayers and praises of thy Church, and listen to our duty with honest hearts, [illegible] to practise it.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYER.

¶ The Family being together, a little before Bed Time, let the Master or Mistress, or any other whom they shall think proper, say as follows, all kneeling:

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Confession of sins, with a prayer for contrition and pardon.

MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; we come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws.* But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us an hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

* *Here, let him who reads, make a short pause, that every one may secretly confess the sins and failings of that day.*

Prayer for grace to reform and grow better.

AND lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice; that we may never suffer the sun to go

down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards thee and towards men; That so, we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Intercession.

AND accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbours. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities, for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Thanksgiving.

TO our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies; for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food, and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore thy mercy in sending thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards thee. We bless thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of thy Holy Spirit; for thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day: Beseeching thee to continue these thy blessings to us; and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to his laws, through whose merits and intercession we received them all, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for God's protection through the night following.

IN particular, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep, as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die: So that living and dying we may be thine, through the merits and satisfaction of thy Son Christ Jesus, in whose name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ On Sundays and on other Days, when it may be convenient, it will be proper to begin with a chapter, or part of a chapter, from the New Testament.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK.

[The solemn engagements into which every Minister enters at his ordination, as well as a decent respect for the institutions of the Church, impose on him, it is to be presumed, an obligation to conform, as far as possible, in his visitation of the sick, to the excellent office prescribed by the Church: and this office, and the occasional prayers annexed to it, are admirably suited to the general, as well as the more particular situation of sick persons.

It is to be presumed, however, that in cases where it will evidently tend to edification, there may be allowed to clergymen, in the visitation of the sick, a license not admissible on other occasions; and that they may be allowed to introduce prayers, not prescribed by the Church, into their devotions with the sick. The Church of England has in some measure sanctioned this liberty in one of her canons. Some of her most eminent Clergy have published and used devotions for the sick in addition to those prescribed by the Church. The Editor of the present work, therefore, has thought that he might with propriety insert some occasional prayers and devotional offices for the sick, principally drawn up by eminent divines of the Church of England.

To imbibe the fervent SPIRIT of prayer which animates all the offices of the Church, must be the obvious duty of all her Ministers. Would it not be also proper for them to commit to memory the LANGUAGE of her prayers? They would thus be ready, on all occasions, in their *private* intercourse with their people, to pray with them not only in language sanctioned by the authority of the Church, and approved by the pious through a series of ages; but in language inimitably simple, affecting, and impressive. By thus conforming, on occasions for which particular prayers are not enjoined by the Church, to the *spirit*, and as far as possible, to the *language* of her Liturgy, they will exhibit a commendable example of respect for her institutions, of attachment to her cause; they will excite and cherish a spirit of devotion lively and fervent, yet regulated and sober; and they will discharge the important duty of discouraging those irregular effusions which, experience proves, too often excites a *passionate* and *transitory*, at the expense of an *enlightened* and *substantial* devotion.

If the prayers and offices of the Church were committed, at least in great part, to memory, could they not be performed with greater spirit and solemnity?]

¶ For a Sick Person who has been very wicked.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should return from his wickedness and live; look down in compassion *upon this thy* sick servant, whose past life has been disobe-

dient to thy law, and very provoking to thy divine majesty: Produce in his mind a lively sense of his danger and a deep conviction of his sins. May he feel that his aggravated offences have rendered him wholly unworthy of thy forgiveness; and that without thy mercy he must for ever perish. May his present distress, through thy good Spirit, soften his hard heart, subdue his rebellious will, and prostrate his soul in deep humility and self-abasement at the cross of his Saviour. That thus his contrite petitions for mercy may be accepted of thee, and that "in him Jesus Christ may show forth all long-suffering and compassion." Accept him, O Lord, according to the gracious covenant of thy love in thy Son Jesus Christ. Make him by thy grace so to resolve upon amendment of life and submission to thy will, that his prayers be not hindered, but may come up, through the merits of thy Son, an acceptable sacrifice in thy sight. Rebuke his disease; restore him to health, and give him a longer time to testify his repentance by holiness of life. Pardon him, good Lord, and whenever he shall depart out of this life, give him rest and felicity with thy chosen in the Kingdom of Glory, through the merits and intercession of our blessed Saviour and Advocate Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ For a person suddenly injured or taken severely ill.

O GOD, by whose mercy we live so securely, that we are not often visited with those calamities which hasten death, or make our lives uncomfortable, make us thankful for our lot, and to regard with compassion this our *brother*, in whom we have an example of the uncertainty of our continuance here, and of all the enjoyments attending it. Convert, we beseech thee, O Lord, this calamity into a real blessing to *him*, by the good use which we pray *he* may be enabled to make of it. Let *him* not esteem it the effects of chance, but as thy appointment or permission; and aim at the end which *he* may reasonably presume thy good providence intended by it. Let it awaken the remembrance, and strengthen *his* abhorrence, of every transgression, and *let it confirm* every virtue and good resolution, which may *incline thy mercy towards him.*

O Lord, have compassion on *his* present unhappy condi-

tion, and grant *him* as effectual and speedy assistance as the nature of *his* case will admit. Lessen *his* danger, assuage *his* pains, and grant *him* patience under the applications which are necessary to *his* cure. Give success to the remedies (or operations) which are judged proper for *his* recovery; and grant us grace in the midst of dangers always to keep in mind, that piety is the only foundation of our security; and that if our final state be secured, we have no reason to be in fear of those unforeseen accidents which may hasten us to it. Accept these our prayers, through the merits and mediation of our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ For one that is very ignorant.

BLESSED Lord, who hast not only given us the faculty of reason, but the higher blessing of revelation, by both to bring us to the knowledge of thy will, and our duty; regard with compassion this our unhappy fellow-creature, who appears hitherto to have been insensible of the highest privilege of *his* nature, and the most important concern of *his* life. Convince *him* of the great fault and sin of *his* neglect of so many means and opportunities of instruction, with which thou, O Lord, hast blessed all in this nation, however poor or illiterate. Awaken *him* to a desire of improving the remainder of *his* life to a farther acquaintance with what has been done for *him*, and what *he* ought to do for *himself*. Make *him* sensible of *his* many transgressions against thee, *his* Maker, that *he* may see the necessity of repentance, and of an atonement for *his* offences. Dispose *him* to discern and receive Him, whom thou hast set forth to be a propitiation for the sins of mankind, that so *he* may learn that the sufferings of Jesus Christ were designed to make a way for our acceptance upon our sincere repentance, and not to justify or excuse us in the voluntary ignorance or continued violation or neglect of our duty. Make *him* to acknowledge the sacrifice of *his* Redeemer, as the meritorious cause of all *his* hopes; and to testify this acknowledgment not in words only, but by a sincere conversion of heart and amendment of life, as the only condition of those hopes: and we humbly beseech thee, O Lord, to accept *his* imperfect knowledge of thee, and late return to thee, for the sake of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ A Prayer to be used at the beginning of sickness.

O ALMIGHTY God, and most gracious Father, who in thy justice and mercy didst send sorrow and tears, sickness and death into the world as the punishment of our sins, and hast subjected all sinners to this sad covenant of sufferings, not to destroy us, but to save us—making thy justice minister to mercy, these short afflictions to an eternal weight of glory: As thou hast turned the sins of thy servant into sickness, so turn *his* sickness to the advantages of holiness and religion, of mercy and pardon, of faith and hope, of grace and glory. Now called as *he* is to the fellowship of suffering, let *his* condition by the power of thy grace, be so sanctified to *him*, that *his* sufferings may be united to the sufferings of *his* Saviour, and so be acceptable to thee as the instrument of thy mercy and favour to *him*. Relieve *his* sorrow and support *his* spirit: direct *his* thoughts, and so order all the circumstances of *his* sickness, that this punishment of *his* sin may be the school of *his* virtue; in which, as thou hast now placed *him*, *he* may make a holy proficiency; that *he* may behave *himself* as a son under the discipline of a Father, humbly and obediently, penitently and patiently, and by this means be advanced nearer unto thyself: That if from this bed of sickness *he* shall go forth to life and health, *he* may return to the world with strength of spirit to live in a holier conformity to thy will, and maintain a higher communion with the Saints; or if, from this place *he* is to pass through the valley of the shadow of death, *he* may be received into the paradise of the blessed, in full and joyful hope of a resurrection unto eternal life and glory, through Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ A general Prayer for the Sick, especially near the beginning of Sickness.

O MOST gracious God, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, hast joined us all together in one body, that we might love and assist one another; we humbly implore thy tender mercies towards this thy servant, of whose afflicted state we desire to have a compassionate sense. Look graciously, *O Lord, upon him,* and visit *him* with thy salvation: vouchsafe *him such* consolations, as we should desire for our-

selves, were we in *his* condition. Give *him* a true penitent heart for all the offences *he* has at any time committed, with a lively faith in thy Son Jesus Christ, who came into the world to save sinners. Give *him* the comfort of a holy hope, that *his* repentance and true devotion are accepted. Support *him* by this hope under all *his* pain, and enable *him* patiently to submit to thy fatherly correction. Send *him* help in this time of need both for *his* soul and body. Bless the means for *his* recovery, and if it be thy good pleasure, restore *him* speedily to *his* former health, together with a firm resolution of serving thee, O Lord, more zealously for the future. But if, in thy wise counsels, thou hast otherwise resolved, save *him* from the fear of death; assist *him* in *his* last agony, give *him* an easy and cheerful passage out of this life, and let thy holy angels conduct *him* into eternal peace, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer to be used at any stage of Sickness.

O ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things, both in heaven and earth; we desire, with the profoundest reverence, to humble ourselves before thee, acknowledging that thou, even in thy severest dispensations, hast kind intentions and gracious designs towards us; behold this, thy servant, upon whom thou hast been pleased to lay thine afflicting hand; sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him*, and grant that *he* may receive it with all the patience and submission of a dutiful child. Suffer *him* not, O Lord, to murmur or repine under any dispensations of thy providence; but let all that is afflictive to *him* be a means to wean *him* from the world, to bring *him* nearer to thyself, and to purge away all that dross and defilement which *his* soul has contracted in this sinful life. We know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou of thy goodness hast caused *him* to be troubled; O give *him* such a measure of grace and patience as may enable *him* cheerfully and willingly to submit *his* will to thine.

We acknowledge, O Lord, that we have all justly deserved to be severely dealt with by thee; for notwithstanding all the gentle methods which thou hast used towards

us, we have not loved thee as we ought to do; but in the days of health and prosperity have forgotten thee, our God, and turned aside after vanity and folly. But, O merciful Father, let not the sins of thy servant provoke thee to turn away thy face from *him*, now seeking unto thee in this time of *his* trouble; shut not up the bowels of thy tender compassions from *him*, but, for the merits and intercession of thy beloved Son, pardon all *his* sins, the proper causes of all *his* sorrows; and vouchsafe, we beseech thee, for his sake, to be reconciled unto *him*. O suffer *him* not to sink under the heavy load and burden of *his* transgressions, but stretch forth thy helping hand to save and deliver *him*, and say unto *his* soul, I am thy salvation.

O Lord, support *him* under all *his* pains, weaknesses and infirmities; strengthen *his* faith, enlarge *his* hopes, increase *his* charity and perfect *his* repentance. Make thou *his* bed in *his* sickness, and lay not more upon *him* than thou wilt enable *him* to bear; give a blessing to the means that shall be used for *his* recovery; and if it be thy good pleasure, restore *him* to *his* former health, that *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear and to thy glory; but if thou hast determined that this sickness shall be unto death, grant, O merciful Father, that the more the outward man decayeth, so much the more *he* may find the inner man strengthened and renewed with thy grace and Holy Spirit. O give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that after this painful life is ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Short Prayers, which may be used as one, or separately, in great Weakness.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of mercies, and God of peace and comfort, rest and pardon, we thy unworthy servants, in duty to thee and charity to our afflicted *brother*, humbly beg that thy mercy may descend upon *his* soul and body. We come to thee in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, beseeching thee to pardon *his* sins, for the merits of *our Saviour*, who died for us, that so they may never rise up in judgment against *him*, nor bring *him* at the great day to shame and confusion of face. *Amen.*

II.

GIVE thy servant, O Lord, patience in *his* sorrows, and comfort in this *his* sickness, and restore *him* to health, if according to thy will. But, however thou shalt determine concerning *him* in this sickness, yet make *his* repentance perfect, and *his* faith strong, *his* hope steadfast, and *his* passage safe; that when thou shalt please to summon the soul from *his* body, it may enter into the rest of the children of God, and the receptacle of the blessed, with Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

III.

O LORD, thou knowest all the necessities and infirmities of this thy afflicted servant; strengthen *his* soul with spiritual joy, and perfect resignation: take from *him* all inordinate affections to this world, and enlarge *his* heart with desires of being with thee, free from sin, and in thy presence for ever. *Amen.*

IV.

LORD, let no pains or passion discompose *his* thoughts, and disturb *him* in *his* duty; and lay no more upon thy afflicted servant than *he* is able to bear; and with the temptation provide for *him* a way to escape, either by the mercy of a longer and more holy life, or by a happy death, as is pleasing to thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

V.

LORD, let thy Holy Spirit so operate on the conscience of our afflicted *brother*, that *he* may recollect all *his* sins, in order to a confession of them, and repentance: and let the same holy influence remove from *his* soul all bitterness and wrath; and in union with Jesus Christ, and in charity to all the world, let *his* soul be presented to thee blameless, and pardoned for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

VI.

O MOST gracious Lord, our only Saviour, with whom the souls of all faithful people are deposited till the great day of recompense, have mercy upon the body and *soul of this* thy servant: improve his condition with the

gracious aids of comfort, and supply all *his* necessities, which are known only to thee. Let *him* dwell in peace, being supported by thy goodness, and by lively hopes of *his* pardon, through thy mercy; and whenever *his* soul shall depart from the body, let it be preserved from evil spirits, and received by ministering angels, in order to dwell for ever with thee in the glory of the Father. *Amen.*

¶ A general Prayer for the Sick.

O LORD, the Father of our spirits, who givest us life and breath, and all things, and hast not thought "a crown of life too much to promise to all them who are faithful unto death," (Rev. ii. 10) we firmly believe, that thou wilt not deny us what is needful and fit for us, both for our souls and our bodies, in our passage through this world to that of honour, glory, and immortality.

In this confidence we more particularly recommend this our sick *brother*, to thine infinite mercy, and boundless compassion. Settle in *him* a steadfast faith, that "thou dost not willingly grieve the children of men," but intendest good to *him* by this thy fatherly correction. And now, since all other pleasures and enjoyments fail *him*, represent thyself more effectually to *him*, as the only support and stay of *his* hope, and as the rock of *his* salvation.

Whereinsoever *he* has neglected thee, or committed any offence against thee, make *him* deeply sensible of it, and heartily sorry for all *his* transgressions: and as *he* earnestly desires forgiveness, so work in *him* a serious resolution to live more circumspectly and righteously for the future.

Assist *him* graciously, O Lord, that *he* may give a proof of *his* sincere intentions hereafter to submit *himself* in all things to thy will, by *his* patient submission to thy fatherly correction now. O that *he* may so quietly, meekly, humbly, and cheerfully resign *his* will to thine, to suffer what thou inflictest, that *he* may be the more disposed to do readily whatsoever thou commandest; and may Christ be the great object of *his* desire, prayer, and endeavours to obtain that salvation, which is promised to all his faithful followers by thy Son Jesus Christ, our Advocate, and the great propitiation for sin.

Make this, our sick brother, O Lord, thoroughly appre-

hensive of thy sovereign power and authority over all thy creatures. Possess *him* with a great reverence of thy wisdom and justice, with an entire confidence in thy goodness and love, and with a thankful remembrance of all thy past mercies to *him;* that so *he* may better endure what thou layest upon *him* at present; may ever choose to follow thy directions; submit to thy orders; delight to do or suffer thy will, O God; and govern *himself* in the whole of *his* conduct by that excellent rule, which our Lord hath taught us, "to do unto others as we would they should do unto us."

Bless the remedies which are or may be used for restoring *him* to *his* former health, that *he* may live to discharge *his* duty with greater care. Or, if thou hast otherwise appointed, accept graciously *his* purposes of amendment, and dispose *him* to return *his* spirit willingly to thee, who gavest it; and with great humility, and a deep sense of *his* own undeservings, to expect thy mercy declared to Christ Jesus our Lord. Fix *his* mind steadfastly on the great Redeemer, who has led the way through the grave to heaven, that *he* may not be terrified at the approach of death; but looking beyond it to that high and holy place, where the Lord Jesus is, *he* may rejoice in hope of eternal glory.

And grant, that every one of us in our best state of health, may daily consider how frail and weak we are, that so we may not abuse ourselves by an intemperate use of any worldly pleasures, nor overload our minds with the cares of this life, nor spend our days in a vain pursuit after the riches or honours of this world; but may we pass all our time of sojourning here in thy fear, and live so righteously and soberly in this present world, as those who must give an account to thee, O God, who wilt judge all men by thy Son Jesus Christ according to their works. Hear us, O Lord, we most humbly beseech thee, hear us in behalf of ourselves, and especially of this our distressed *brother*, through Jesus Christ our merciful and compassionate High Priest, who sits at thy right hand, and ever liveth to make intercession for us. *Amen.*

¶ A general Prayer for persons under Bodily Suffering.

O ALMIGHTY and most gracious Lord God, with whom are the appointments of life and death, we humbly be

seech thee to give this our afflicted *brother*, grace to consider, that *his* affliction is of thy sending, to cure *his* spiritual diseases; and to acknowledge the justice as well as mercy of thy visitation, and *his* sufferings. Let this trial of *him* not fail, O Lord, in answering the gracious purposes of seeing and forsaking *his* sins. Bring to *his* mind all such considerations as may revive and raise *him* above all discouragements and fear. Let *his* thoughts, under this visitation, be only those of love and thankfulness, resignation and obedience, humility and hope in thy mercy. Give *him* a full trust in thy most gracious promises of forgiveness, and prevent *him* from showing any indecent behaviour under *his* afflictions, which would only increase *his* guilt.

Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, have compassion on this thy afflicted servant, and out of pity to *his* weakness, lessen *his* troubles, and support *him* under them. Keep *him* ever submissive to thy will, and neither impatient nor ungrateful towards those about *him*, May thy blessing accompany all their endeavours for *his* welfare, and all the medicines appointed for *his* relief. Put an end, in thy due time, to *his* disease (*or, to* his *pain*,) and either restore *him* to *his* health and ease, with the mercy of a longer life, or else prepare *him* for an happy and comfortable death. All this we humbly ask for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer for a person under any grievous Pains.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art a present help in time of trouble; O look graciously upon thy sick servant, we most earnestly beseech thee, and if it be thy blessed will, send *him* ease and comfort in this time of *his* distress. We acknowledge, O Lord, the justice of thy dealings towards *him;* O let *him* then never murmur or repine under any affliction thou seest fit to lay upon *him*. Give *him* a meek and quiet submission to thy will, that *he* may wait with patience till thou seest fit to deliver *him*. Suffer not the extremity of *his* pains to transport *him* into any rash or unbecoming expressions, or cause *him* to entertain a hard thought of thy providence; but whatever evils or sorrows he may feel, let *him* still love thee, and believe thee to be

a kind and merciful Father, even whilst thou art smiting and correcting *him*.

And, O blessed Lord, that *he* may be enabled so to do, be pleased in thy great mercy to strengthen and support *him* with the consolations of thy Holy Spirit, and lay not more upon *him* than thou wilt enable *him* to bear. We know thou art able to deliver *him*, and therefore in thee do we put our trust. Sanctify this affliction to *him*, that it may produce in *him* the fruits of a true and sincere repentance.

O Lord, hear us; O Lord, help thy servant, for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*. *Amen*.

¶ A Prayer to be used by a Sick Person when he finds any Abatement of his Distemper.

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, who hast vouchsafed to grant thy sick servant some ease, and to abate the fury of *his* present distemper; accept, we humbly pray thee, of our unfeigned thanks for this and all other thy mercies bestowed upon *him*.

Blessed be thy goodness, O Lord, that *he* has strength to praise thee; that *his* senses and understanding are preserved entire; and though *he* is brought very low, *he* is not without hopes that thou wilt yet raise *him* up. O perfect, if it be thy blessed will, what thou hast begun in *him*; and forsake not, we beseech thee, the work of thine own hands. Repair all the decays in *his* outward man, and let *his* mind also be endued with greater strength and abilities to do thee service, and with stronger desires and resolutions of loving and obeying thee.

Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy heavenly consolations; fill *him* with comfortable thoughts of thy love, and of that tender and compassionate care which our Lord Jesus takes of all his afflicted servants. Give *him* still a more perfect submission to thy will, that, without any murmuring or repining, *he* may wait upon thee till thou seest fit to finish *his* recovery; and as *his* strength increases, so let *his* resolutions grow stronger of serving thee faithfully all the remainder of *his* life; for which end, we implore for *him* the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ; to whom, with thee, O Father, and the ever-blessed Spirit, be

all honor, glory, love, service and obedience, by *him* and all thy creatures for evermore. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer with one who is Sick, for the Restoration of his Health.

O THOU Father of mercies, and God of comfort, who art the hope of all who put their trust in thee, look down upon our sick *brother* with an eye of compassion; be gracious to *him* according to the necessity of *his* case, and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to abate *his* distemper; to give *him* ease instead of pain, and relief under every complaint. Give skill to the physician, success to means, and an happy restoration to *his* former ease, health, strength, and usefulness in life.

Whatever thou deniest, O deny *him* not an interest in thy favour and love! Be thou *his* portion and inheritance, *his* Father, *his* eternal and unchangeable Friend, the support of *his* life, the relief of *his* soul under all *his* afflictions and troubles with which *he* may meet in this world, and *his* everlasting rest and happiness in that which is to come.

From all the visitations of thy providence may we learn the instability of every worldly enjoyment and comfort. May we remember, that they will one day fail us; that either they must be taken away from us, or we must leave them behind us; but that there is, notwithstanding, a firm foundation for hope and comfort to every sincere follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thou hast promised, that thou wilt never leave nor forsake those who in the way of duty put their trust and confidence in thee, and thankfully accept the gracious terms of thy Gospel. We will, therefore, hope in thy mercy, that "we shall yet praise thee in the land of the living; for thou art the health of our countenance, and our God."

Help us, O Lord, to sit loose to this world, and to the enjoyments of it, and to delight ourselves more in God, and in heavenly things. Let us not think ourselves unhappy whilst we can enjoy thee; nor murmur or repine at any loss, or under any disease, as long as we are the objects of thy love, and the care of thy good providence.

And do thou give us grace so to live, that we may com-

fortably look up to thee at all times, especially in a time of sickness, as our constant Friend, and most tender Father, as our life and health, our rest and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer under the Continuance of Sickness.

O MERCIFUL and righteous God, the sovereign Lord of life and death, our only hope in time of trouble; we thy poor creatures, beseech thee for thy sick servant, upon whom thou hast laid thine afflicting hand. We desire, O Lord, that *he* may humbly accept this thy visitation, and we most earnestly beseech thee to enable *him* to bear it with such patience and submission as becomes a creature and a sinner: and, O merciful Father, who designest not the ruin but the amendment of those whom thou scourgest, we beseech thee to sanctify all *his* afflictions to *him*, and grant that this sickness of *his* body may be a means of health to *his* soul, and inspire *him* with resolutions never more to depart from thee.

To that end, O Lord, make *him* diligent in searching *his* heart; and O do thou enable *him* to discover every thing hateful in thy sight; and on *his* true and sincere repentance, we beseech thee, remove thine anger from *him*. Heal *his* soul, O Lord, which has greatly sinned against thee; and then, if it be thy blessed will, heal *his* body also. Restore the voice of joy and health unto *his* dwelling, that *he* may live to praise thee and be an instrument of thy glory, by doing good in *his* generation. But if, in thy great wisdom, thou hast otherwise determined, and seest it best to take *him* out of this world, O fit and prepare *him* for that hour; and deliver *him* not, we beseech thee, into the bitter pains of eternal death. Thou knowest the secrets of *his* heart; O shut not thy merciful ears to *his* prayers, but hear *him*, O Lord most holy! O God most mighty! O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer *him* not, at *his* last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. And O thou tender and compassionate lover of souls, we most earnestly beseech thee, that when the time appointed for *his* great change shall come, thou wilt have mercy on *him*, and deliver *him*, and strengthen him in his conflict; that thou wilt support him in his dying agonies,

and defend *him* from the enemy, and from *his* terrors, and show *him* the light of thy countenance, that *he* may know and be assured that thou art perfectly at peace with *him*, and that thou wilt receive *him* into the blessed company of saints and angels in thy heavenly habitation, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer with one who is very ill.

WE bow down before thee, O Lord of heaven and earth, acknowledging that we are but dust, and unworthy to speak to thee, either for ourselves or others.

When we consider thine infinite wisdom, power, and goodness, our own folly, weakness, and unworthiness, and our vast distance from thee, we desire with great humility to confess, that we are as nothing and vanity. But thy condescending goodness encourages our approaches to the throne of mercy with hope and confidence, to solicit thy favour both for ourselves and our fellow-creatures.

We would, therefore, especially implore thy tender compassion upon this our sick *brother*, who desires our prayers. Gracious God, look down upon *him* with pity, and support *him* under thine afflicting hand. Work in *him* true repentance for all the sins *he* has committed against thee in thought, word, and deed. Give *him* a lively and steadfast faith in Christ Jesus; fill *him* with a lively hope of that immortal life, which Christ has purchased and promised to all true believers; fill *him* with a powerful sense of thy fatherly love and tender care over *him* in *his* most afflicted condition. Bestow on *him* thy heavenly supports and comforts, and give *him* patience and submission to thy holy will during this visitation of sickness.

We know, great God, that with thee there is nothing impossible. If thou wilt, thou canst raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance in this world. May it be thy gracious pleasure to restore *him* to us! May it please thee to save and deliver *him* for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Direct and bless the means which may be used for *his* recovery, and make them effectual. Command the disease to relinquish *him* by thine almighty word, that *he* may again be restored to health and usefulness. And in the mean time help *him* meekly to resign himself to thy disposal, and

quietly to wait for ease and comfort here, or for everlasting rest and happiness in a future state, through Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. *Amen.*

¶ A Litany and Commendatory Prayer for a Sick Person.

(Chiefly from Bishop Andrews.)

O GOD, the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy upon *him;*
Keep and defend *him.*
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon *him;*
Save and deliver *him.*
O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son,
Have mercy upon *him;*
Strengthen and comfort *him.*
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
Have mercy upon *him.*

Remember not, Lord, *his* offences; call not to mind the offences of *his* forefathers; but spare *him*, good Lord, spare thy servant whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood, and be not angry with *him* for ever.

Spare *him*, good Lord.

From thy wrath and heavy indignation; from the fear of Death; from the guilt and burden of *his* sins; and from the dreadful sentence of the last judgment,

Good Lord, deliver him.

From the sting and terrors of conscience; from the danger of impatience, distrust, or despair; and from the extremity of sickness, anguish, or agony, that may any way withdraw *his* mind from thee,

Good Lord, deliver him.

From the bitter pangs of eternal Death; from the gates of hell; from the powers of darkness; and from the illusions and assaults of our spiritual enemy,

Good Lord, deliver him.

From all danger and distress; from all terrors and torments; from all pains and punishments, both of the body and the soul,

Good Lord, deliver him.

By thy manifold and great mercies; by the manifold and great mercies of Jesus Christ thy Son; by his fearful and unknown sufferings; by his agony and bloody sweat; by his strong crying and tears; by his bitter cross and passion; by his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension; by his effectual and most acceptable intercession and mediation; and by the graces and comforts of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver him.

In *his* time of extremity; in *his* last and greatest need; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver him.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to be *his* defender and keeper; to remember *him* with the favour thou bearest unto thy people, and to visit *him* with thy salvation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to save and deliver *his* soul from the power of the enemy, and whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, to receive it to thy mercy;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to be merciful, and to forgive all *his* sins and misdeeds, which at any time of *his* life *he* hath committed against thee;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make *him* partaker of all thy mercies and promises in Christ Jesus;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to vouchsafe *his* soul the estate of joy, bliss, and happiness, with all thy blessed saints, in thy heavenly kingdom;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant *his* body rest and peace, and a part in the blessed resurrection of life and glory;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
Grant him *thy peace.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon him.

Into thy merciful hands, O Lord, we commend the soul

of this thy servant. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, this work of thine own hands, this sheep of thine own fold, this lamb of thine own flock, this sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive *him* finally, through thy unspeakable mercy, into the sacred rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious estate of thy chosen saints in Heaven. *Amen.*

God the Father, who hath created thee; God the Son, who hath redeemed thee; God the Holy Ghost, who hath infused his Grace into thee; be now, and evermore thy defence; assist thee in thy last trial, and bring thee into the way of everlasting life. *Amen.*

Christ, that redeemed thee with his agony and bloody death, have mercy upon thee, and strengthen and support thee. *Amen.*

Christ Jesus, that rose the third day from the dead, raise up thy body again in the resurrection of the just. *Amen.*

Christ, that ascended into Heaven, and now sitteth at the right hand of God, bring thee to the place of eternal happiness and joy. *Amen.*

God the Father, preserve and keep thee; God the Son, assist and strengthen thee; God the Holy Spirit, defend and aid thee; God the Holy Trinity, be ever with thee; that thy death may be precious in the sight of the Lord, with whom thou shalt live for evermore. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer for a Sick Person at the point of departure.

(From Bishop Taylor.)

O HOLY and most gracious Jesus, we humbly recommend the soul of thy servant into thy most merciful hands: Let thy blessed Angels stand in ministry about thy servant, and defend *him* from the violence and malice of all *his* spiritual enemies, and drive far from hence all the spirits of darkness. *Amen.*

II.

Lord, receive the soul of this thy servant: enter not into judgment with *him;* spare *him* whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and deliver *him* for whose sake thou didst suffer death, from all evil and mischief, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from the fear of death, and from everlasting death. Amen.

III.

Lord, impute not unto *him* the follies of *his* youth, nor any of the errors and miscarriages of *his* life; but strengthen *him* in *his* agony, and carry *him* safely through this last distress. Let not *his* faith waver, nor *his* hope fail, nor *his* charity be disordered; let *him* die in peace, rest in hope, and rise in glory. *Amen.*

IV.

Lord, we know and believe assuredly, that whatsoever is under thy custody cannot be taken out of thy hands, nor by all the violences of hell robbed of thy protection: preserve the work of thy hand, rescue *him* from all evil; and let *his* portion be with the patriarchs and prophets, with the apostles and martyrs, and all thy holy saints, in the arms of Christ, in the bosom of felicity, and the kingdom of God for ever.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; save and help this thy departing servant, we beseech thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

UNTO thy gracious mercy and protection we commit *him.* O God the Father, bless *him* and keep *him.* O God the Son, make thy face to shine upon *him*, and be gracious unto *him.* O God the Holy Ghost, lift up thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* thy peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ A Thanksgiving after Recovery

O MOST mighty God and merciful Father, we thy unworthy servants, desire now in behalf of this thy servant, whom thou hast raised up from a dangerous sickness, to return thee hearty thanks, acknowledging it to be owing to thy goodness alone that *he* is now alive, and has once more an opportunity of offering up *his* prayers and praises at the throne of grace. Thou, O Lord, hast chastened *him*, and corrected *him*, but hast not given *him* over unto death; blessed therefore be that divine wisdom which saw this late

affliction seasonable. Blessed be that tender compassion, which, in the midst of wrath, remembered mercy; which made all *his* bed in *his* sickness, passed by *his* many infirmities, and inclined a willing ear unto *his* supplications, when *he* cried unto thee in the time of *his* distress: blessed be the powerful influence of that grace which disposed *his* heart to consideration and repentance. But, above all, blessed for ever be that power and goodness, which, by sparing *him* when *he* had deserved to be cut off, has now given *him* an opportunity of rectifying the errors of *his* past life, and reforming whatever is amiss in *him*.

O Lord, let not this goodness of thine, nor *his* own serious purpose of better obedience, ever slip out of his mind; but preserve in *him* a constant tender sense of the great obligations *he* is under of serving thee faithfully all *his* days; make *him* every day more and more zealous in promoting thy glory and the good of *his* brethren; in studying to please thee better than *he* has ever yet done; and in devoting the remainder of that life which thou hast given *him*, to the service of thee, *his* gracious Benefactor.

Give *him* grace humbly to offer and present unto thee *his* soul and body, which thou hast so mercifully preserved, beseeching thee to take them into thy custody. O let not the return of *his* health be accompanied with a return to *his* former sins and follies; but let the experience *he* has had, how little any thing will profit in the time of trouble besides a good conscience, so effectually convince *him* of the necessity of a good life, so powerfully persuade *him* to the practice of religion, that *he* may make it the great study and endeavour, the constant business and employment of *his* whole life, to love, adore and serve thee, and in all things to become such as thou wouldst have *him* to be.

But, O Lord, forasmuch as without thee *he* is not able to please thee, mercifully grant unto *him* such a measure of thy grace as may enable *him* to amend whatever has been amiss in the temper and disposition of *his* mind, or in any of the actions of *his* life. Oh! let *him* never more be led away by the deceitful promises of the world, the flesh, or the devil; but grant, O our God, that *his* hopes and affections may be unalterably fixed upon that eternal and unchangeable happiness which thou hast prepared for them

that love thee. Let the thoughts and expectations of death and judgment be so constantly, so powerfully present to *his* soul, as effectually to work upon *his* mind, and to bring forth in *him* the fruits of a holy and religious life. Let the pains and troubles *he* has lately felt, inspire *him* with a tender pity and compassion for the miseries and calamities of others, and make *him* ready, upon all occasions, to contribute what *he* can to the wants and necessities of *his* brethren: and oh! let those talents which thou hast afresh committed to *his* trust, be so faithfully improved for thy glory, the good of others, and the benefit of *his* own soul, that whenever thou shalt call *him* to give an account of *his* stewardship, *he* may not be condemned as an unprofitable servant, but may be found such an one as thou shalt then pronounce faithful, and bid to enter into the joy of his Lord.

Grant this, O merciful Father, through the merits and for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the ever-blessed Spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, by *him* and every creature, all honour, glory, power, dominion, thanksgiving and praise, throughout all ages. *Amen.*

THE COLLECTS.

The first Sunday in Advent.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

The second Sunday in Advent.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The third Sunday in Advent.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy Messenger to prepare thy way before thee; grant that the Ministers and Stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that, at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The fourth Sunday in Advent.

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Nativity of our Lord, or the Birth-day of Christ, *commonly called* Christmas-day, *and the Sunday after.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy holy Spirit, through the

same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Circumcision of Christ.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy Blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that, our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

O GOD, who by the leading of a Star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The first Sunday after Epiphany.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The third Sunday after the Epiphany.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The fourth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and Household continually in thy true religion, that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The sixth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and Heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech thee, that having this hope, we

may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Sunday called Septuagesima, or the third Sunday before Lent.

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people, that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Sunday called Sexagesima, or the second Sunday before Lent.

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sunday called Quinquagesima, or the next Sunday before Lent.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues; without which, whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The first Day of Lent, commonly called Ash-Wednesday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The first Sunday in Lent.

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights, give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The second Sunday in Lent.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The third Sunday in Lent.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy

Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The fourth Sunday in Lent.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The fifth Sunday in Lent.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sunday next before Easter.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Good-Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Easter-Even.

GRANT, O Lord that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Easter-Day, and Monday and Tuesday in Easter-Week.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee, that as, by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires: so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The first Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The second Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The third Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The fourth Sunday after Easter.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The fifth Sunday after Easter.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Ascension-Day.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Sunday after Ascension-Day.

O GOD, the king of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Whitsunday, and Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun-Week.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Trinity-Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in his faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The first Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The second Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The third Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

The fifth Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The sixth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love thee, such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The seventh Sunday after Trinity.

LORD of all power and might, who art the Author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The eighth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, whose never failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The ninth Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The tenth Sunday after Trinity.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, who declarest thy Almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

The thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy: And because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we pray thee, that thy grace may always prevent and follow us; and make us continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people, pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins,

and serve thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that, through thy protection, it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that, through thy bountiful goodness, we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Andrew's Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Thomas the Apostle.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who, for the greater confirmation of the faith, didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection; grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Saint Stephen's Day.

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors, by the example of thy first martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God, to succour all those who suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Saint John the Evangelist's Day.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist St. John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Innocents' Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths: mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Conversion of Saint Paul.

O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that as thy only begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh; so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Matthias's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas, didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias, to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; grant that thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true Pastors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel; so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Mark's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark; give us grace, that being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Philip and Saint James's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Barnabas the Apostle.

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint John Baptist's Day.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching repentance; make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Peter's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandest him earnestly to feed thy flock; make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint James the Apostle.

GRANT, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy word; grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that word which he believed; and both to preach and receive the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Matthew the Apostle.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom, to be an Apostle and Evangelist; grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches; and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Saint Michael and all Angels.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven; so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Luke the Evangelist.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist and Physician of the soul; may it please thee, that by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All Saints' Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen*

As in some places, the fourth day of July, the commemoration of American Independence, is celebrated with religous services, it is deemed expedient to insert the following form. It was set forth in a Convention of our Church in certain States in 1785, in what was called the *Proposed Book*.

A FORM OF

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

TO

ALMIGHTY GOD,

For the inestimable Blessings of Religious and Civil Liberty; to be used Yearly on the Fourth Day of *July*, unless it happen to be on *Sunday*, and then on the Day following.

¶ The Service shall be as usual, except where it is hereby otherwise appointed.

¶ Among the Sentences at Morning Prayer shall be the following:

THE eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deut.* xxxiii. 27.

Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: The fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew. *Deut.* xxxiii. 28.

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people favoured by the Lord: the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency. *Deut.* xxxiii. 29.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; he shall bless them that fear him, both small and great. *Psalm* cxv. 12, 13.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men. *Psalm* cvii. 21.

¶ Instead of *O come let us sing*, &c. the following Hymn shall be said or sung:

MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be showing his truth from one generation to another.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.

Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, or show forth all his praise.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

For he will not alway be chiding; neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

Thou, O God, hast proved us; thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

Thou didst remember us in our low estate, and redeem us from our enemies; for thy mercy endureth for ever.

¶ Then shall be said the tenth Selection of Psalms.

¶ The first Lesson shall be, *Deut.* viii. and the second Lesson shall be, 1 *Thess.* v. 12–24.

¶ A Thanksgiving for the Day, to be said after the General Thanksgiving.

O GOD, whose name is excellent in all the earth, and thy glory above the heavens; who as on this day didst inspire and direct the hearts of our Delegates in Congress, to lay the perpetual foundations of peace, liberty, and safety; we bless and adore thy glorious Majesty for this thy loving-kindness and providence. And we humbly pray that the devout sense of this signal mercy may renew and increase in us a spirit of love and thankfulness to thee its only author, a spirit of peaceable submission to the laws and government of our country, and a spirit of fervent zeal for our holy religion, which thou hast preserved and secured to us and our posterity. May we improve these inestimable blessings for the advancement of religion, liberty, and sci-

ence, throughout this land, till the wilderness and solitary place be glad through us, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose; this we beg through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ The Collect: to be used instead of that for the Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast in all ages showed forth thy power and mercy in the wonderful preservation of thy Church, and in the protection of every nation and people professing thy holy and eternal truth, and putting their sure trust in thee: we yield thee our unfeigned thanks and praise for all thy public mercies, and more especially for that signal and wonderful manifestation of thy providence which we commemorate this day; wherefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name be ascribed all honour and glory, in all churches of the saints, from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ The Epistle. *Philip.* iv. 4

REJOICE in the Lord alway; and again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God: And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things.

¶ The Gospel. *St. John* viii. 31.

THEN said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him: We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever; but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

PRAYERS

SUITABLE TO BE USED IN

STATE LEGISLATURES, CONGRESS, &c. &c.

When the Clergy are called on to officiate in the State Legislatures or in Congress, the following prayers will be suitable.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More

especially we pray for thy holy Church universal, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions: and this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

¶ Then may be used the prayer and Collect in the foregoing services for Thanksgiving Day and the Fourth of July, altered as exigencies may require.

A

FORM OF PRAYER

AT THE

LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE

OF A CHURCH OR CHAPEL.

¶ When it is deemed expedient to have public worship on occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of a Church or Chapel, the service for the day shall be used, as set forth in the book of Common Prayer, except that the proper psalms and lessons shall be as follows.

PROPER PSALMS.

Psalms 48, 118.

PROPER LESSONS.

First Lesson, 2 Chronicles, ii. to verse 13.
Second Lesson, 1 Corinthians, iii.

¶ At the time of the laying of the stone, the Bishop, with the Clergy, the Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish, and others, shall go up, in procession, to the place where the Church or Chapel is to be erected, repeating the following Psalm:

Psalm 122. *Lætatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.
2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.
4 *For thither* the tribes go up, even the tribes of the *Lord, to testify unto* Israel, to give thanks unto the name *the Lord.*

5 For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ The Bishop, standing near the corner-stone, shall say,

Christian Brethren,—It is decent, and proper, and agreeable to the precepts and examples of Holy Writ, that in all our doings we should beseech Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, to direct us with his most gracious favour, and to further us with his continual help. Especially, therefore, when we are now assembled to commence a house which is to be set apart to his honour and service, and in which his holy name is to be worshipped, and his word and sacraments to be proclaimed and celebrated, by the ministry whom he hath commissioned, let us humbly and devoutly supplicate his assistance, protection, and blessing.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ Then the inscription on the stone, if any, shall be read, and notice may be given of deposites made therein.

¶ Then the corner-stone being laid in its place, the Bishop shall say,

Our help is in the name of the Lord;
Ans. Who hath made heaven and earth.
Bp. Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it.

¶ Then the Bishop, striking the stone three times with a hammer, shall say,

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I lay the corner-stone of an edifice to be here erected by the name of ———— Church [or Chapel,] and to be devoted to the service of Almighty God, agreeably to the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its doctrines, ministry, liturgy, rites, and usages.

Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ; who is God over all, blessed for evermore; and in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. *Amen.*

Bp. O Lord, open thou our lips;
Ans. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Bp. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Ans. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Bp. Praise ye the Lord.

Ans. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ Then shall be said or sung the following Hymn:

O praise the Lord, laud ye the name of the Lord: praise it, O ye servants of the Lord. *Psalm* cxxxv. 1.

2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord; in the courts of the house of our God. Verse 2.

3 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his name, for it is lovely. Verse 3.

4 The Lord is gracious and merciful, long suffering, and of great goodness. *Psalm* cxlv. 8.

5 The Lord is loving unto every man; and his mercy is over all his works. Verse 9.

6 All thy works praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints give thanks unto thee. Verse 10.

7 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem; and gather together the outcasts of Israel. *Psalm* cxlvii. 2.

8 He healeth those that are broken in heart; and giveth medicine to heal their sickness. Verse 3.

9 The Lord's delight is in them that fear him, and put their trust in his mercy. Verse 11.

10 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; Praise thy God, O Zion. Verse 12.

11 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates; and hath blessed thy children within thee. Verse 13.

12 He maketh peace in thy borders; and filleth thee with flour of wheat. Verse 14.

13 He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation. God is the Lord, by whom we escape death. *Psalm* lxviii. 20.

14 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places, even the God of Israel; he will give strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God. Verse 35.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Bp. The law was given by Moses;

Peop. But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Bp. and Peop. Who is God over all, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Bishop say,

Let us pray.

BLESSED be thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put it into the hearts of thy servants to commence the erection of a building in which thy holy name is to be worshipped, and the messages of reconciliation are to be proclaimed, and the means and pledges of thy grace and mercy administered. Prosper thou them, O God, in this their undertaking; O prosper thou their handy work. Give to those who have the management of the concerns of this congregation, unity of council, purity of intention, and a supreme aim at the advancement of thy glory, in promoting the extension and interests of thy holy Church, appointed for the salvation of mankind. Guard by thy providence every thing which may appertain to the building which is now begun in thy fear, and in dependence on thy blessing. Excite the skill and animate the industry of the superintendents and workmen. Protect them from accident, and from danger. And grant that all who are in any way connected with this temple to be made with hands, may seek those influences of thy Holy Spirit by which their souls will be made temples holy unto thee, and prepared for that city of the living God, which is eternal in the heavens. Animate us all who are here present, O God of our salvation, with the same holy purpose; that seeking supremely thy mercy and favour, through thy Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in the ordinances of thy sanctuary on earth, we may finally be admitted to unite in the praises, and to partake of the felicity, of the company of the redeemed, in the courts of the heavenly Zion. And hasten, we beseech thee, the time when thy Church, at unity in itself, shall serve thee in godly quietness, and when all who profess thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and be one in that faithful communion with the mystical body of thy Son, by which they will grow up unto *him in all things;* and glorifying thee in thy Church on *earth, with one* heart and one mouth, be finally numbered

with thy saints in thy Church triumphant. All which we ask through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Here shall follow the address, if any be delivered on the occasion. There may also be sung a portion from the Psalms or Hymns in metre, or the *Gloria in Excelsis*, or some other hymn or anthem from the Liturgy, or the Holy Scriptures.

¶ Then shall the Bishop say,

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ In the absence of the Bishop, this service may be performed by the minister of the congregation, or any other minister, provided that if he be only in deacon's orders, he shall, instead of the benediction, say,

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

A FORM OF

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING:

TO BE USED ON

DAYS OF THANKSGIVING, APPOINTED BY THE CIVIL AUTHORITY.

¶ The service shall be the same as that prescribed by the Church, in the "Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the fruits of the earth, and all the other blessings of his merciful Providence, to be used yearly, on the first Thursday in November, or on such other day as shall be appointed by the civil authority;" except that the *tenth Selection of Psalms* shall be used at Morning Prayer; and in addition to the *Thanksgiving* appointed in said service, to be used after the General Thanksgiving, shall be said, at Morning and Evening Prayer, the following:

O GOD, who art the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; the Almighty Ruler of nations; we adore and magnify Thy glorious name for all the great things which Thou hast done for us. We render thee thanks for the goodly heritage which Thou hast given us; for the civil and religious privileges which we enjoy; and for the multiplied manifestations of Thy favor toward us. Grant that we may show forth our thankfulness for these Thy mercies, by living in reverence of Thy almighty power and dominion, in humble reliance on Thy goodness and mercy, and in holy obedience to Thy righteous laws. Preserve, we beseech Thee, to our country, the blessings of peace; restore then to nations deprived of them; and secure them to all the people of the earth. May the kingdom of the

Prince of Peace come; and reigning in the hearts and lives of men, unite them in holy fellowship; that so their only strife may be, who shall show forth, with most humble and holy fervor, the praises of Him who hath loved them, and made them kings and priests unto God. We implore thy blessing on all in legislative, judicial, and executive authority, that they may have grace, wisdom, and understanding, so to discharge their duties as most effectually to promote thy glory, the interests of true religion and virtue, and the peace, good order, and welfare of this State and Nation. Continue, O Lord, to prosper our institutions for the promotion of sound learning, the diffusion of virtuous education, and the advancement of christian truth, and of the purity and prosperity of Thy Church; change, we beseech Thee, every evil heart of unbelief; and shed the quickening influences of Thy Holy Spirit on all the people of this land. Save us from the guilt of abusing the blessings of prosperity to luxury and licentiousness, to irreligion and vice; lest we provoke Thee, in just judgment, to visit our offences with a rod, and our sins with scourges. And while thy unmerited goodness to us, O God of our salvation, leads us to repentance, may we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, a living sacrifice to Thee, who hast preserved and redeemed us, through Jesus Christ our Lord; on whose merits and mediation alone we humbly rely for the forgiveness of our sins, and the acceptance of our services; and who liveth and reigneth, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ After the Collect for the day, in the Communion service, the following:

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast never failed those who put their trust in Thee, and dost honor the people who honor Thee; imprint on our hearts, we beseech Thee, a deep and habitual sense of this gre

truth, that the only security for the continuance of the blessings which we enjoy, consists in our acknowledgment of Thy sovereign and gracious Providence, and in humble and holy submission to the Gospel of Thy Son Jesus Christ: to whom all power is given in heaven and in earth, and who is one with the Father and the Holy Ghost, in the eternal Godhead, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

¶ At Evening Prayer the same order shall apply with regard to the introductory sentences as is set forth for Morning Prayer in the form of "Prayer and Thanksgiving," aforesaid; the *ninth Selection of Psalms* shall be used; and the *first Lesson* shall be Deut. x. 12, and the *second Lesson*, Romans xii.; and the *Collects* for the day, as in the morning.

COLLECTS

TO BE USED

DURING THE PREVALENCE OF ASIATIC CHOLERA.

¶ To be Used Immediately before the General Thanksgiving.

MOST gracious Father and God, who hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Thee, look down, we beseech Thee, from Heaven Thy dwelling-place, upon us Thy unworthy servants, who under an awful apprehension of Thy judgments, and a deep conviction of our sinfulness, prostrate ourselves before Thee. Have pity, O Lord, have pity upon us, and withdraw from us the grievous sickness with which we are visited for our sins. We confess, with shame and contrition, that in the pride and hardness of our hearts we have shown ourselves unthankful for Thy mercies, and have followed our own inclinations instead of Thy holy laws: yet, O merciful Father, cast us not away in displeasure; but give time for consideration and repentance, so that, receiving Thy fatherly correction with meekness, and turning from our evil ways, we may be preserved by Thy mighty protection, both in body and soul; through the merits of our only Mediator and Advocate, JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who, by the many instances of mortality which encompass us on every side, and by the warning, now especially urged upon us

of our exposure to the sudden stroke of death, dost call upon us seriously to consider the shortness of our time here upon earth, and remindest us that in the midst of life we are in death, so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us grace to turn unto Thee with timely repentance, and thus to obtain, through the merits of our Saviour, that pardon to-day, for which to-morrow it may be too late to seek; that so being strengthened by Thy good Spirit against the terrors of death, and daily advancing in faith and godliness, we may at all times, be ready to give up our souls into Thy hands, O gracious Father, in the hope of a blessed immortality; through the mediation and by the merits of JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

O FATHER of mercies, and GOD of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look down from Heaven, we humbly beseech Thee; behold, visit, and relieve, all who are suffering under the grievous sickness which Thou hast brought upon us, [*and especially Thy sick servants for whom our prayers are desired.*] Look upon them with the eyes of Thy mercy; comfort them with a sense of Thy goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; give them patience under their affliction; and, in Thy good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their life in Thy fear, and to Thy glory: Or else give them grace so to take Thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, they may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ To the foregoing may be added, the Prayer "In time of great sickness and mortality," and the Proper Prayers for Ash Wednesday, at the discretion of the Minister; as also the following after the Collect of the day:—

O GOD, who at the prayer of David Thy servant didst stay the hand of the destroying angel, when it was lifted up against Jerusalem, and on the

repentance of Nineveh, didst spare that sinful city, vouchsafe, in like manner, to bow down Thine ear to our prayer, and to accept our repentance. Withdraw Thy chastisements from us, O LORD, and whilst Thou preservest our bodies from disease, so cleanse our hearts from all sinful affections, that, evermore striving to please Thee in newness of life, we may by Thee be defended from all evil; for the sake of Thy ever blessed Son JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

FOR VARIOUS OCCASIONS.

¶ A Prayer to be used on visiting Seminaries of Learning.

ALMIGHTY God, the author of all being, and the fountain of all wisdom and knowledge; who hast formed our bodies and endued us with reasonable souls; regard with thy favour and visit with thy blessing this institution [or school] established for the promotion of sound learning and Christian education. Secure to it the patronage needful to the carrying of its good designs into effect. Inspire its teacher [or teachers] with a due sense of *his* solemn charge, and a suitable degree of wisdom and strength for its fulfilment. Bless the pupils with health, and give them a proper estimate of the advantages they here enjoy. Grant them docility and diligence in the pursuit of knowledge, submission and tractableness under discipline, and a readiness of mind to follow the counsels of wisdom and experience. Inspire them with due respect for their teachers; and fill their young hearts with an ardent love for thee, their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Guard their inexperience, keep them from self-conceit, and shield their virtue from the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Thus preparing them to fulfil their course with honour, fidelity and success in this life, and to attain the glorious destiny to which thou hast called them in the life to come, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus *Christ. Amen.*

[*This prayer may be prefaced and concluded by any suitable Collects from the Liturgy.*]

¶ A Prayer to be used at any Missionary Meeting, in connection with one or more of the prayers in the Friday's Meditations and Devotions for the Clergy.

O GOD, the fountain of all wisdom and strength, look favourably upon thy servants now assembled to consult for the increase of thy kingdom among sinful men. Animate us with true zeal for thy glory, and true love for the souls of men. Give us a spirit of self-sacrifice and endurance in thy service, free from all self-conceit and vainglorious boasting. Humble us under a sense of our feeble and imperfect efforts. Make thy Spirit our sole reliance for success, and dispose us, when we have done all, to feel that we are unprofitable servants, having only done that which it was our duty to do. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer to be used, with others from the Liturgy, on laying the Corner-Stone of any edifice for a Literary or Charitable Institution.

ALMIGHTY God, without whom all our purposes are ineffectual and all our efforts vain, grant thy presence and blessing to thy humble servants assembled together to lay, with all solemnity, the corner-stone of an edifice to be devoted to thy honour and the benefit of thy creatures. Inspire our hearts with a humbling sense of our dependence upon thee at all times and in all undertakings. May the foundation of this institution rest upon thy favour. Open the hearts and hands of thy people to give of their abundance for carrying the design into effect. Prosper every effort for its advancement, and every person engaged in its erection and support. May its blessings be enjoyed by many, and conveyed to the remotest generation. Above all, may it be an effectual, though humble, means of advancing thy name and praise among this people. All which we ask through the merits and for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SELECTIONS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE:

To be read by the Pastor with the sick, afflicted, &c., and to be pointed out by him for their private perusal: taken from Thompson's Pastoralia.

The following portions of Scripture may be advantageously read to, or by the sick; with suitable observations and explanations by the Minister.

The Book of Job. Eccles. xi.; xii. Isa. xxvi.; xxxv.; xxxviii.; xlii.; xliii.; liii. TheBook of Lamentations. Hosea vi. Micah vi.; Mal. iv. Matt. xxv.; xxvi.; xxvii.; xxviii.* John xiv.; xv.; xvi. Rom. v.; viii. 1 Cor. xv. 2 Cor. i.; iv.; v.; vi.; xii. Phil. iii. 1 Thess. iii.; iv.; v. 2 Thess. i. Heb. xi.; xii.; xiii. James ii. iv.; v. 1 Peter, the whole Epistle. 2 Peter iii. Rev. ii.; iii.; xxi. xxiii.

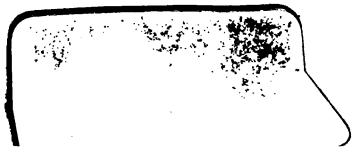
The Psalms are to all a valuable treasury of devotion; but to the sick most especially, on account of their ejaculatory character, which admits of their being used in the intervals of pain, or when the body is too feeble to sustain the fatigue of a more connected prayer. The Psalms most applicable to the devotions of the sick are the following; vi.; xiii.; xxiii; xxxi.; xxxii.; xxxviii.; xxxix.; xli.; lv.; lvii.; lxxi.; lxxvii.; lxxxviii.; xc.; cii.; cxxx.; cxlii.; cxliii.

Portions of Scripture which may be profitably read to or by the relatives and friends of deceased persons; the Minister adding suitable explanations of their occasion, etc.

2 Sam. xii. Job i.; ii.; xix. Eccles. vii.; xii. Isa. xxv.; xxvi.; lvii.; lxi. Ezek. xxxvii. Dan. xii. Hos. xiii. Matt. xxviii. Mark xvi. Luke xxiv. John xi.; xiv.; xx.; xxi. Rom. v.; vi. 1 Cor. xv. 2 Cor. i.; iv.; v.; vi. Phil. iii. 1 Thess. iv. Heb. xi.; xii. Rev. v.; viv.; xv.; xix.; xx.; xxi.; xxii.

Portions of Scripture which may be profitably read to or by recovered persons; the Minister adding a suitable comment.

2 Sam. xxiv. Job. xlii. Isa. xxxviii. Jonah ii. Zech. viii. Luke xvii. John v. Phil. ii. Heb. vi.; x. 2 Peter ii.

Psalms for the devotions of the recovered, beside those in the above office—xviii.; xxviii.; xxxi.; xxxiii.; xxxiv.; xl.; lxvi.; lxxxi.; cvii. cxiii.; cxvi.; cxvii.; cxviii.; cxix.; cxxi.; cxxxviii.; cxlv.; cxlvi. cxlvii.; cxlviii.; cxlix.; cl. Isaiah xii. is also a psalm of this character.

* These three last chapters of St Matthew narrate the history of our Lord's sufferings; and as it is peculiarly incumbent on the sick to consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest they be weary and faint in their minds, the parallel chapters in the other Evangelists may be added. Mark xiv.—xvi. Luke xxii.—xxiv. John xviii.—xxi.